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BANK RATE MAY RISE TO BOOST £

City fears force down share prices

By CLIFFORD GERMAN Financial Correspondent

A RISE in clearing bank interest base rates of at least one and maybe 1½ per cent. now looks a distinct possibility unless the pressure on sterling subsides and the December money supply figures, due next Tuesday, show a fall to offset the sharp rise in the previous month.

The mood in the City was also affected by fears about the possible effects of falling oil prices.

North Sea prices were marked down a few cents further yesterday, widening the gap between official and spot market prices to more than $2·50 a barrel, following the five-year low for crude and refined oil prices in New York on Wednesday.

But the pound steadied yesterday afternoon and closed 30 points better on balance at $1·1495, after falling to record lows on Wednesday.

Its average value compared with other currencies also rose later yesterday to close at 72·8, up 0·5 from Wednesday's close.

Interest rates, however, rose a further ⅛ per cent. in the London money market and shares prices continued to fall as the implications of a falling pound on interest rates sank in.

The FINANCIAL TIMES 30-share index closed only a shade above its lowest level of the day at 928·7 down 117 points on the day and 25·6 over the past two days.

Midland Bank's latest disclosures of further heavy losses by its California-based subsidiary Crocker Bank also contributed to the general change of mood yesterday. Midland shares fell a further 10p to 337p while the market discussed possible bid approaches.

Bank of England mores quickly

Dealers said the money markets are signalling the need for clearing bank base rates to rise from the current 9½-9¾ per cent. level to at least 10½ per cent and possibly 11 per cent.

The cost ofthree-month deposits in the inter-bank market on which base rates are roughly aligned rose to 10½ per cent. yesterday morning before easing back to close 10½ about 10⅝ per cent., up about ⅛ per cent. on the day.

The Bank of England moved quickly in the morning to meet an estimated £500 million shortage in the money markets by buying £515 million worth of bills at unchanged rates of interest. It later lent a further £45 million.

The bank's action helped to southe the worst fears, but traders recall events of last July when a token ¾ per cent. rise in base rates proved not enough to bolster sterling and a further 2 per cent. rise to 12 per cent. was needed.

The recent upward pressure on interest rates has however *taken other markets by surprise* in spite of the downward pressure on the pound which is now 15 cents. lower than it was last July.

'Question mark' on mortgage cuts

Building society spokesmen admitted yeserday that they have not been thinking about an increase in mortgage rates.

Mr Roy Gravestock general manager of the Halifax, said he hoped mortgage rates could come down in March and April, and could be down to single figures by the end of the year.

"But the present situation with the pound and oil prices put a question mark on that timing."

Stock markets have also responded late to events of the past two weeks. Share prices reached an all-time peak only on Monday although the pound was *already under heavy pressure.*

Since then the signs that American interest rates have stopped falling have become more obvious, putting upward pressure on raes in Britain and depressing share prices on both sides of the Atlantic.

British Government stocks showed losses of almost £1 on early dealings yesterday but rallied to close with losses of up to £½ after the year-end figures for Britain's gold and currency reserves showed a modest inflow.

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Loss-hit Midland a bid target

By CLIFFORD GERMAN Financial Correspondent

MIDLAND BANK shares fell a further 17p when the Stock Exchange opened again yesterday following the disclosure of further heavy losses at its Crocker Bank subsidiary in California.

Later the shares rallied to close 10p down on the day at 337p amid increasing speculation that the Bank of England will approve a *British*-based takeover *bid* for Midland Bank to boost its capital and reserves.

There is no question of Midland Bank itself being at risk, although Crocker's losses are expected to absorb the whole of Midland's operating profits for the second half of 1984.

It has operated profitably for decades and its British-based businesses, including the merchant bank Samuel Montagu, as well as Thomas Cook and Forward Trust are all sound.

But Midland will need extra cash to boost its balance sheet in 1985, and the Bank of England is responsible for ensuring that confidence is not affected, as its quick intervention to support Johnson Matthey showed last year.

Crocker's problem—Back Page

Banks are also facing a period of increasing competition from *the Trustee Savings Banks, and* the building societies, which are expected to diversify into retail banking when the law allows some time in 1986.

Midland Bank itself has just thrown down the gauntlet to the other big clearing banks by reintroducing banking free of charges to all customers who can keep their account from going into the red.

The reintroduction of Saturday banking will also increase cost pressures.

Moreover the climate of opinion has changed rapidly in favour of closer links between financial activities in the City since the last takeover bid for

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A jovial Mr Kinnock chatting to striking miners outside Celynen South colliery in his South Wales constituency yesterday when he made his first visit to a picket line.

Norway to protest on stray missile

NORWAY is prepared to accept that the violation of Norwegian airspace by a Soviet missile was an accident, but will deliver a protest note in Moscow to make the Soviet Union realise the gravity of flying missiles over a Nato country.

"Everything indicates that the incident was caused by a Soviet exercise missile which went off course and that it is all a mishap," said Mr Svenn Stray, the Norwegian Foreign Minister.

"I assume it was an accident," said Mr Kaare Willoch, the Prime Minister. "But what has happened demonstrates how important it is that our defences are effective."

A Norwegian Defence Ministry spokesman said the missile which passed over the sparsely-populated Finnmark region, was flying at around the speed of sound, making so much noise it must have been an old type.

Military observers believe it could have been an SS-N-3 Shaddock cruise missile which flies close to the speed of sound at ranges of up to 250 miles. The type has been in service *since the 1960s and can be fired* from Kynda class guided missile carriers or a variety of Russian submarines.

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Danish intelligence sources said evidence indicated the missile was old SS-N-5 which the Russians are known to use as target drones.

Windows rattled and houses shook as the jet-powered, winged missile roared over the Pasvik Valley south-west into Finnish Lapland, Norwegian officials said.

Analysis of the missile's path showed it flew in a straight line from the moment it was tracked.

The sea-launched missile was flying in the clouds at some 3,000 to 4,000 feet. Had it been flying lower, like a slower modern cruise missile, it is un-

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KINNOCK JOINS PICKETS

By COLIN RANDALL

MR KINNOCK chose a bitterly-cold early morning yesterday to fulfil his long-standing promise to join a miners' picket line in his South Wales constituency of Islwyn, Gwent.

The Labour leader stood outside the Celynen South Colliery near Newbridge for about an hour and a half.

Some of the 30 pickets shouted "scabs" as two mini-buses entered the pit under police escort, carrying a similar number of strike-breaking miners. Three other men reported for work after Mr Kinnock left. He later returned to the colliery.

Mr Kinnock said that some of the pickets had asked for peerages, which he pointed out were not immediately within his gift. This had drawn the response from one striker. "Well, 20 fags will do for now then."

Mr Bill Goode, NUM agent for Gwent, said: "At least the visit was a step in the right direction. We hope he will now honour his other promise to hold a public meeting for miners in his constituency and attend a meeting of the South Wales area executive."

250 END STRIKE
NCB hopes rise

OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF writes: Another 250 miners ended their strike and went back to work yesterday following Coal Board hopes that there will be a "surge back" next week, when all pits retur from holiday.

Yesterday's back-to-work figure took the number returning in the first two days after the Christmas break to 618.

Other Strike News—P2

Israeli airlift saves starving Black Jews

By MAIER ASHER in Jerusalem

THOUSANDS of Jews have been flown in secret to Israel from the famine-stricken areas of Ethiopia, senior officials disclosed in Jerusalem yesterday.

About 3,000 Falashas, or black Jews, have reached Israel in the past month after the famine led to a decision to speed up migration which has been going on for several years.

One official said most of the 25,000 Ethiopian Jews are now in Israel.

Until yesterday Israeli censorship had prevented any mention of the airlift. Even now some details are being kept secret. "Human lives are at stake," one official said. But Western sources said the Falasha — mostly illiterate farmers — had probably been flown to Israel after being moved to the Sudan

The Marxist government of Ethiopia has broken off relations with Jerusalem and did not allow Israeli experts to enter the barren Gondar region to help the Jews.

'Brothers . . . partners'

The migration of the Ethiopian *Jews—sometimes* said to be the descendents of the lost tribe of Dan—was begun under the Israeli government of Mr Begin and continued under the present government led by Mr Peres.

"That they look like *Africans, have an African* background has not weakened the enthusiasm and warmth citizens of Israel have shown them. They are received as brothers, as partners," said Mr Moshe Gilboa, director of the Israeli Foreign Ministry's World Jewish affairs division.

About 300 of the new arrivals are in hospital suffering from malnutrition and its associated diseases.

Asked how he reached Jerusalem, one said: "A man came up to me on my farm and told me . . . we would fly to Israel."

State of shock

Nurses and officials dealing with them said many were still in a state of shock after being confronted with running water and staircases for the first time.

Their fundamentalist religious practices presents a problem. A plan to send them to Kibbutz settlements where they could continue farming has been abandoned because of the liberal social structure with which they would have been confronted.

Falashas — the word means strangers — were cut off from the rest of world Jewry for more than 1,000 years. They were rediscovered by anthropologists *at the end of the 19th* Century, but Israeli rabbinical authorities did not recognise them as true Jews until 10 years ago.

Picture—P4

BLOCKADE PROTEST TO FRANCE

By JOHN PETTY Shipping Correspondent

THE Foreign Office protested to French authorities yesterday because British ships are being kept out of Calais and Dieppe in a port blockade organised by French seamen.

The dispute is over manning cuts *planned in French ships* within the four-nation Sealink consortium. The Foreign office said it was a dispute domestic to France and that British ships should still have access to the ports.

Sealink is a trading name, with Dutch and Belgian companies using it as well as British and French ships.

The French seamen's port blockade continued to disrupt Channel ferry services yesterday, but the Sally Viking line was allowed to operate into Dunkirk, hovercraft flew normally to Calais and Boulogne, and P&O and Sealink were able to operate into. oBulogne.

CONFLICT HARDENS
Ostend diversion

MICHAEL FIELD reports from Paris: The French authorities said yesterday the conflict had hardened and that there was little likelihood of a *speedy solution and resumption of normal* ferry services.

Meanwhile passenger cars are being diverted to Ostend, the Belgian port. From there services to Britain are running normallly.

MORE FORD STRIFE

Four men who fix wiring looms to cars brought production of the Orion and Escort to a halt when they walked out at Ford's Halewood plant on Merseyside yesterday after claiming they were being given extra work to do. The stoppage came just 36 hours after work resumed following a seven-week strike by women machinists.

REAGAN AIDE RESIGNS FOR MORE MONEY

Mr Michael Deaver, 46, White House deputy chief of staff and one of President Reagan's top advisers, is to resign soon to return to private business.

Mr Deaver, who says he cannot continue indefinitely on his $72,000 (£62,600) annual salary, has reportedly been offered more than $200,000 (£174,000) to head a Washington public relations firm.

The "moderates" departure will probably be a consolation to Reaganite conservatives, who were dismayed by Wednesday's announcement that Mr William Clark was stpping down as Interior Secretary.

LORD ASTOR LEAVES £3m WILL

By ROBERT BEDLOW Estates Correspondent

LORD ASTOR of Hever, who died in June aged 66, left an estate of £5,128,000 gross in his will lodged in Scotland.

Lord Astor who married Lady Irene Haig, youngest daughter of Field Marshal Earl Haig, in 1945, left most of the estate in trust to his two sons and three daughters.

In the three years up to his *death, he had made his home* on his property at Tilypronie, Aberdeenshire, which he bought shortly after the war.

The Astor family's Hever Castle in Kent, where Henry VIII courted Anne Boleyn, was sold in 1983 to the Scarborough-based Broadland Properties for about £9 million. A two-day sale of treasures from Hever Castle raised more than £5,000,000. A 1545 suit of armour made for King Henry II of France, went for £1,750,000.

Lord Astor held a number of City directorships, including Alliance Assurance, Electrolux and the Monotype Corporation. The TIMES in which his father had held the controlling interest was sold in 1967 to Lord Thomson of Fleet.

In 1962, to avoid death duties which, owing to a change in the law, would have forced the sale of almost his entire American estate, the first Lord Astor became domiciled in the South of France. His son, however, retained *British holdings.*

JOBLESS DOWN IN DECEMBER

By Our Industrial Staff

Unemployment fell by 3,180 in December to 3,219,406. A fall in the number of school leavers out of work more than *offset a rise in the adult jobless.*

Mr King, Employment Secretary, said that there now appeared to be a "real chance of improvement."

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NUR SEEKING 30pc AND CUT IN HOURS

By Our Industrial Staff

The National Union of Railwaymen has drawn up a claim for a 30 per cent. pay rise plus a cut in the working week from 39 hours to 35 hours and an extra week holidays.

Under the current agreement which runs out in mid-April, the lowest grade of railmen earn an average of £140·68 a week, while signalmen earn an average £200·43 a week.

British Rail is likely to be firmly opposed to such a large claim especially since it has *lost £200 million so far as a* result of the miners strike—£50 million of that attributable to railwaymen refusing to move "blacked" coal.

RUSSIA SEEKS TO PLAY DOWN INCIDENT

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

Russian diplomats were believed yesterday to be searching for ways to play down the incident of the current cruise missile.

It poses particular embarrassment for the Kremlin because fresh Soviet-American talks about arms control are due to start in *Geneva* on Monday. Neither the Defence nor Foreign Ministries in Moscow had any comment on the missile yesterday.

In the case of the Russian submarine which ran aground near a *Swedish naval* base in 1981, Moscow remained silent for five days before issuing a statement, claiming it strayed due to navigational error. When a Russian jet shot down a South Korean airliner in 1983, it took the Kremlin six days to admit "stopping the flight."

STRIKING MINER WINS £127,000

Mr Glyn Deere, a striking miner yesterday collected a £127,000 win on the football pools, but insisted "I'm still 100 *per cent. behind the strike* and I'll be reporting for picketing on Monday."

Mr Deere, 54, a face worker at Askern colliery, near Doncaster, said that apart from treating fellow strikers to "a right good feed and party," there would be *no* spending spree and he would return to work when the strike ended. The money would provide for the future of his three children.

ENVOY KIDNAPPED

Four gunmen yesterday kidnapped a Swiss diplomat from his car in mainly Moslem west Beirut. He was named in Bern as Mr Eric Wehrli, 45, third secretary at the Swiss embassy *in Beirut.—Reuter.*

Growth boosts dollar

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

EXPECTATIONS of rising interest rates and resurgent American economic growth are the main causes of the dollar's persistent rise to new records on world money markets, White House *financial* analysts said yesterday.

But their latest projections put the Federal budget deficit at £190,000 million in the current fiscal year if there are no changes in taxes and spending.

The forecast, by Mr David Stockman, the White House Budget Director, estimates that the shortfall will rise to £209,000 million by 1987 if nothing is done.

Uncertainty as to how Congress *will respond to the* challenge—and whether President Reagan will exert sufficient leadership—helped to keep the Stock Market churning indecisively during early hours of Wall Street trading yesterday.

FINANCES SAPPED
'Mecca for investment'

NIGEL WADE in Moscow writes: The exceptionally strong American dollar is sapping not only the finances but also the *technological* potential of othe capitalist countries, the Russian weekly NEW TIMES said yesterday.

"*In becoming* a Mecca for investment the United States in fact locked in on itself the international flow of advanced technology developed in Japan and the Old World," the magazine said. "America needs the new technology to gain a domineering position in the world by its own economic policies."

DOMESTIC AIR FARE CONTROLS RELAXED

By Our Air Correspondent

Control of domestic air fares is to be greatly relaxed under proposals published yesterday by the Civil Aviation Authority.

Instead of having to submit all tariffs and fare changes for approval on a yearly basis, airlines will in future be required merely to notify the CAA of new air fares ten working days before they are introduced.

Approval can be expected to be given without question, unless the authority feels there is reason to intervene to deal with predatory or monopoly behaviour. Existing control will still apply on the Channel Island and Isle of Man routes.

BANK WORKERS CLAIM £20

The Banking Insurance and Finance Union yesterday asked for a £20-a-week across the board pay increase for its 240,000 members in the *big* five high street banks in England and Wales.

The increase, if granted, would give the lowest paid on £59·27 a week a rise of 33 per cent. For the senior clerical grade it would mean 12½ per cent.

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Today's Weather

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E. ANGLIA, E. ENGLAND: Wintry showers, some heavy near coasts. Wind N. light to moderate. 37F (3C).

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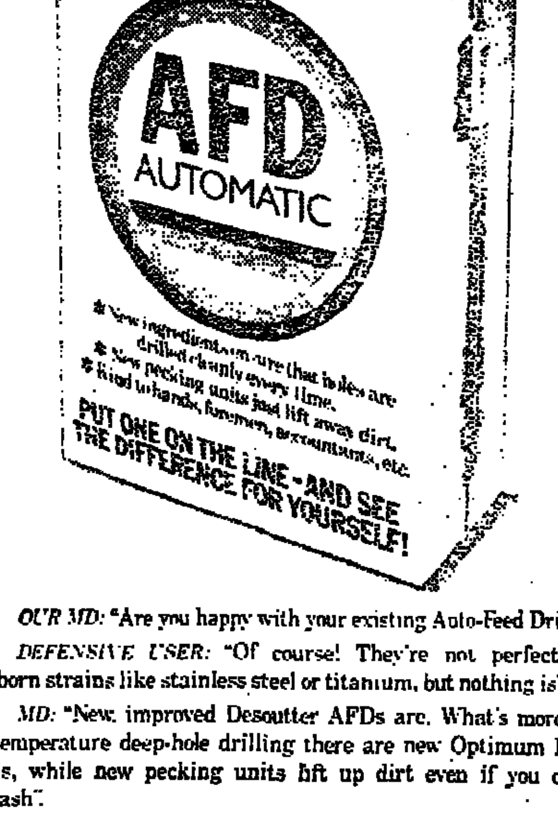

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'POWER BROKER' FRANCE OFFERS CHEAP ENERGY

By ROLAND GRIBBEN Business Correspondent

FRANCE is offering to export large amounts of cheap power to Britain as part of a long-term deal to reduce its growing surplus of nuclear-based electricity.

The overtures to Britain form part of a European-wide drive to sell excess output from its considerable nuclear capacity. Talks are also under way to export to Belgium, Italy and Spain.

"There is no doubt France is going to be the power broker of Europe" said one British electricity industry executive yesterday.

Nuclear power is accdunting for 65 per cent. of France's electricity output and despite a slowdown in a massive construction programme is on course to provide around 75 per cent. of total output by 1990.

Slow economic growth and energy conservation means that France will have a sizeable electricity surplus over the next decade and Electricite de France, the State company, is stepping up exporting efforts as well as trying to persuade householders to use more power.

First stage

French tariffs are around 20 per cent. cheaper than in Britain because of the large nuclear power base. Industrial customers are able to get power up to 30 per cent. below the cost paid by their competitors in Britain.

Sir Walter Marshall, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, said: "What frightens me is that a large chunk of British industry could go to France."

Electricite de France will later that year start to export power to Britain when the first stage of the 2,000 megawatt cross-Channel electricity link starts up.

The joint C F G B-Electricite de France project replaces a smaller system. The aim is a surplus power swap between the two authorities.

The British board hoped it would provide a new opening to export some of its surplus capacity but with the Electricite de France holding cost advantages and looking for similar advantages, contract negotiations over tariffs and operating agreements are proving tough.

Increased French exports would mean a fundamental rethink on power station programmes in Britain.

POLICE USED HYPNOSIS IN KILLER HUNT

POLICE admitted yesterday that they had used hypnosis in their inquiry into the murder of the anti-nuclear campaigner, Miss Hilda Murrell, who was stabbed near a Shrewsbury beauty spot in March.

But a West Mercia police spokesman pointed out that a report saying hypnosis had been used appeared in a Shropshire newspaper last May.

Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour M P for Linlithgow, had tabled a Commons question to Mr Brittan, Home Secretary, asking how many people were hypnotised in the case and under what circumstances.

West Mercia police said hypnosis had been used by a medically qualified expert on more than one person during the inquiry. Det Chief Supt David Cole, leading the murder hunt, had said in May: "The witnesses has undergone the process of hypnosis under strictly controlled conditions to elucidate information

It had been an uncommon step to make but had brought some measure of success, added Mr Cole.

Mr Dalyell said last night: "I accept that the police have been open about the use of hypnosis, but I do think that its use in murder investigations is a very unusual occurrence."

He plans to discuss with Parliamentary colleagues whether to raise in the Commons the question of guidelines under which hypnosis may be used.

The M P's claims in the Commons that the security services were involved in the murder of Miss Murrell during a search of her home in Shrewsbury for papers relating to the sinking of the Belgrano, have been denied.

Benefits from Trident challenged

By DESMOND WETTERN Naval Correspondent

THE Ministry of Defence has been accused of inflating the value of offset orders for British companies in the Trident missile programme by including work that will actually be done in America.

Last month the Ministry stated that so far $14 million of offset orders have been received.

But according to JANE'S DEFENCE WEEKLY the largest single order placed so far, worth $5·49 million for seals and couplings in the missile's fuel system, has gone to Stanley Aviation, a subsidiary of the British Flight Refuelling Group, and Stanley have confirmed that all the work will be done in America.

Whitehall list

The report quotes the Ministry as saying that a "proportion of the contracts have been placed with the U.S.-based subsidiaries of UK companies. The British Government would support bids by these subsidiaries to the same extent as they would UK-located firms."

The Ministry declined to say what proportion of the existing offset orders would actually be placed in Britain.

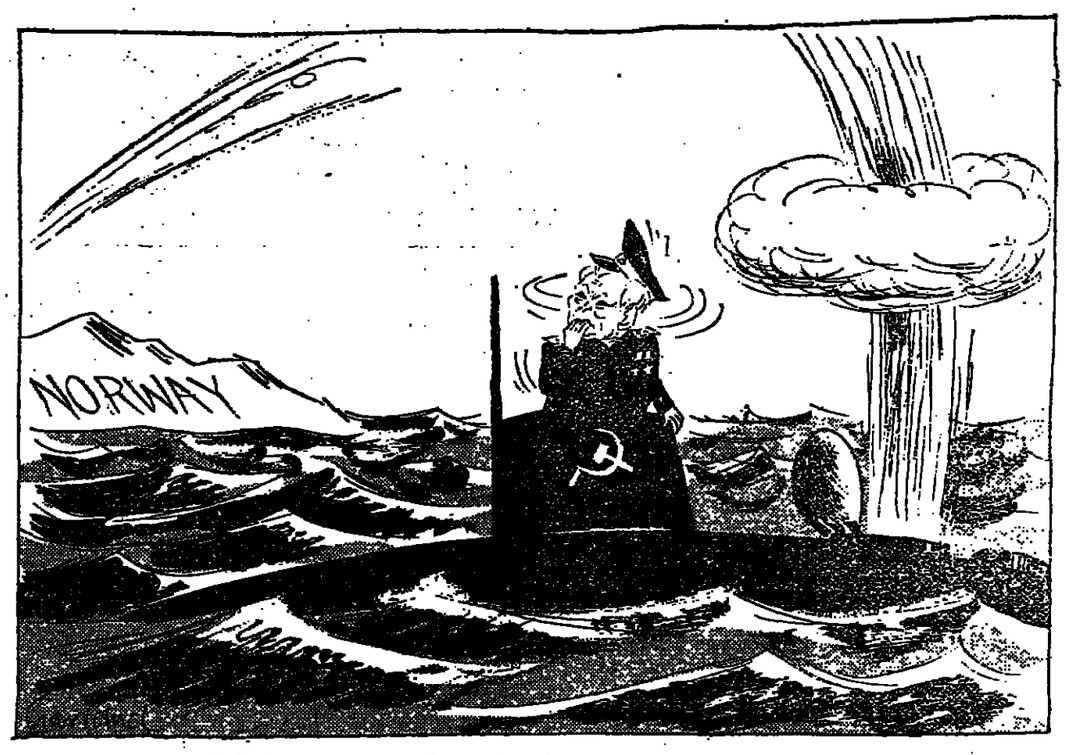
An official list published by Whitehall on Dec. 6 shows that Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. the American primary contractors for the Trident, has placed eight contracts worth a total of $5·58 million with British companies, apart from Stanley Aviation, and a further 13 orders have been awarded by other American contractors worth $1·43 million.

RUMBLE 'NOT CAUSED BY EARTH TREMOR'

A loud window-rattling rumble heard widely in the north of England was probably caused by an aircraft's sonic boom and not an earth tremor, said a seismology expert yesterday.

A spokesman at the British Geological Services Global Seismology Unit at Edinburgh said their instruments had not recorded any underground activity. The noise was reported in several parts of Northumberland and Cumbria on Wednesday.

A spokesman at RAF Boulmer, Northumberland, said they believed the noise was caused by an RAF fighter aircraft going through the sound barrier inadvertently.



"I shot an arrow into the air,
It fell to earth, I know not where . . ." (Longfellow)

'LABOUR ALSO-RAN' WARNING

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

LABOUR could "slither" into third place at the next General Election unless it can present itself as a credible alternative government, Lord Wilson of Rievaulx said yesterday.

Writing in FINANCIAL WEEKLY the former Prime Minister said that both major parties could be deceiving themselves if they imagined the Liberal/S D P Alliance would win few seats at the next election simply because it failed to make the breakthrough last time.

Scargill factor

He described Labour's loss of its deposit at Enfield-Southgate the the most humiliating performance the party had put up in a by-election in the 40 years since he entered Parliament.

But, he stressed, that in his view Labour under Mr Kinnock still had time to revive its fortunes for an election in which, "please the gods of democracy, the Scargill factor has become a fading memory."

Scargill urges 'massive campaign of protest'

By VALERIE ELLIOTT Political Staff

MR SCARGILL, N U M president, is trying to broaden the basis of the miners' strike by urging trade unionists and party supporters to join in "a massive campaign of protest against the Tory Government's policies."

His appeal appears to be in direct conflict with Mr Kinnock's New Year message to party workers — published in full today in LABOUR WEEKLY.

The Labour leader says that the party must show, "self-discipline" if it is to win back public confidence and win the General Election.

Meanwhile in a front page article in LABOUR HERALD, Mr Scargill says: "I call upon the wider labour and trade union movement to join in a massive campaign of protest against the Tory Government's policies which are clearly aimed against the living standards of the British people while at the same time eroding their democratic rights and freedoms."

He also predicts that local government workers and councillors threatened by rate-capping, grant cuts and abolition will be joining the "struggle" after March 6 the first anniversary of the strike.

He adds: "Any group of workers or section of the working class facing attacks by this Government's economic policies should be supported.

'Recovery faltered'

"They should be supported when they resist attempts to destroy the social fabric of our society.

'They should be supported when they resist the attempts to destroy the social services, the education and housing programmes which electors in local government have given a clear mandate to councillors to carry through.

"Therefore I thoroughly welcome and support all forms of action against this repressive Government."

In his New Year message to party workers, Mr Kinnock, at pains to restore public confidence in the Labour party, directly links the miners' strike with the decline in popular support for Labour.

He said that in a year when Labour showed it had the power of recovery after the election defeat in June, 1983, the party had suffered a setback.

In a year determined by the miners' strike that recovery faltered," he says.

Mr Kinnock urged the movement to be self-disciplined so it could achieve its goals.

'Public truist'

"If we expose Toryism fully, if we present our case properly and if we conduct ourselves in a way that permits no distraction from our central purpose of winning people to democratic socialism, 1985, can be the year in which people turn to Labour — and stay with us.

"We do not have to abandon conviction or dilute beliefs in order to bring that about. We do not have to forsake ideals. But we do have to put our views and our values in a way that will gain s the democratic athority to fulfil those ideals."

He describes his warning to the party as "the honest counsel of discipline" and offers it as the only course to be elected in government.

"I know that such a victory depends upon clear public understanding of our policies, public respect for our abilities, public trust on our motives, and public confidence in our commitment to democracy."

Mr Kinnock also surges Labour supporters to act within the law. "The rule of laws may be abominated by the public as they are by ourselves, but are nonetheless accpted until they are chaugd by the process of national power."

'50 pc AT WORK' IS NCB AIM

By STEPHEN WARD Industrial Staff

THE Coal Board said yesterday it expected miners "to continue to return to work — to save their pits from deterioration, to restart coal production, to protect mining jobs and o safeguard the industry's future."

The board is preparing to assess the resutls of its New Year back-to-work campaign between Jan. 7 and 13, which could see miners drifting back in sufficient numbers to break the back of the strike.

Yesterday another 250 miners went back to work for the first time.

A strategically important target for the board is to get more than half the members of the National Union of Mineworkers back at work, so that it could be claimed that the union had "voted with its feet" against holding ont further.

Waiting to see

The board said yesterday there were already 70,000 of the 188,000 union members in the industry not on strike, so another 25,000 are needed.

The board is able to adopt an approach of waiting to see what happens because coal stocks are so high. The present demand is for 900,000 tonnes a week, and the working pits are producing 600,000 tonnes a week, the board said yesterday.

There are 71 pits producing coal, 81 with union men at work but no production, and 26 (including 21 in South Wales) with no union men in, if pits on holiday are put in the category they were in before the break.

Lorry drivers

If it did come to a postion where coal stocks which have not so far been touched, were needed for power supply, Coal Board and Central Electricity Generating Board officials would have to make decisions on which would be the best, tactically, to shift.

They would have to weigh up the problems of persuading lorry drivers to carry the coal. But the problems would probably be easily overcome as they have been with stocks for British Steel.

But, more crucially, the boards would have to assess the chances of power station workers being prepared to handle the coal. The power station workers who have been happy to work with coal from the working pits, might draw the line at coal from elsewhere.

In the event, there would certainly be less risk of trouble with coal from the stocks of pits turning some of their own coal, however little, than with coal from the pitheads of idle pits.

Tories 'must make sacrifices as well'

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

CONSERVATIVE voters were warned yesterday by a leading Tory back-bencher that they could not expect the Government to cut taxes and reduce public spending, unless they, too, were ready to make sacrifices.

Mr Nicholas Budgen said in his Wolverhampton South-West constituency that he had had "perhaps hundreds" of letters recently from people threatening not to vote Conservative again, because their own special privileges were under threat.

They included parents of university students, who orginally faced steep increases in fees, doctors, farmers and beneficiaries of private pension schems, concerned lest tax should be imposed on lump sum payments in the forthcoming budget.

His message for them was: "If you are serious, do not ask again for tax reductions. Do not askfl again for reductions in public expenditure.

"You can ask for proper warning; you can, of course, insist that changes should not be retrospective." Mr Budgen said, in acknowledgement of two of the main criticisms of recent policy-making.

"But we ask that you should look at the whole policy and the whole package before you come to give judgement. Reductions in public expenditure do not just mean cutting the other fellow's benefits."

Blunt remarks

Mr Budgen's blunnt remarks were aimed at the heart of the argument within the Conservative party over strategy, which sparked off a series of backbench rebellions before Christmas.

He sided firmly with Mr Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary, for their willingness to review a range of middle-class P" privilege," though not always with the way they had set about it.

Tory critics of the Government have argued that implementation of some of the changes to be considered, such as the now-moderated increase in student fees and the taxing of company pension payments, would be electorally suicidal.

But Mr Budgen insisted yesterday that the better-off would have to endure "sacrifice and difficulty" if priority were to be given to tax cuts for the lowest paid in order to cut unemployment and reduce spending on social security.

"No one likes to lise a privilege — no one likes to lose a tax concession. But can anyone deny that it may be better to complain about losing a tax concession, or having to pay more for your children's university education, than to be unemployed because your business has gone under, or to see your young son unemployed?"

3 REMANDED OVER TAXI DRIVER'S DEATH

Three striking miners charged with murdering Mr David Wilkie, the taxi driver who died when a concrete block hit his car as he was driving a miner to work, were remanded in custody for seven days by Merthyr Tydfil magistrates in South Wales yesterday.

An application for bail by Anthony Williams, 26, of Ty Coch, Rhymney, married with two children, a miner from Markham Colliery, near Blackwood, Gwent, was refused.

The two other men: Russell Shankland, 21, of Rhymney, Mid Glamorgan, and Reginald Hancock, 21 of Rhymney Bridge, Rhymney, made no application for bail.

Further change at Mirror newspapers

Daily Telegraph Reporter

THE latest in a succession of changes at Mirror Group Newspapers since they were acquired by Mr Robert Maxwell last July, has been announced.

Mr Roger Bowes, 41, has "relinquished" his position as managing director, although he will continue to provide consultancy services to the group.

At the end of December, Mr Maxwell announced the appointment of Mr Robert Edwards, 58, senior group editor, as deputy chairman of the company. Mr Peter Thompson, 42, DAILY MIRROR deputy editor, became editor of the SUNDAY MIRROR, a job filled by Mr Edwards for 15 years.

Personal consultant

Last summer, when Reed International accepted Mr Maxwell's bid through his Pergamon Press group, Mr Clive Thornton, M G N's chairman of six months, immediately resigned.

Two weeks later, Mr Maxwell, who always describes himself as M G N's publisher, appointed Lord Cudlipp, the group's former overlord, as his personal consultant, at the age of 71.

Mr Douglas Long, the group's deputy chairman, left after 30 years with the company. Mr Maxwell said the parting was by mutual agreement. About the same time, Mr Anthony Miles, the M G N director previously responsible for editorial policy, also resigned.

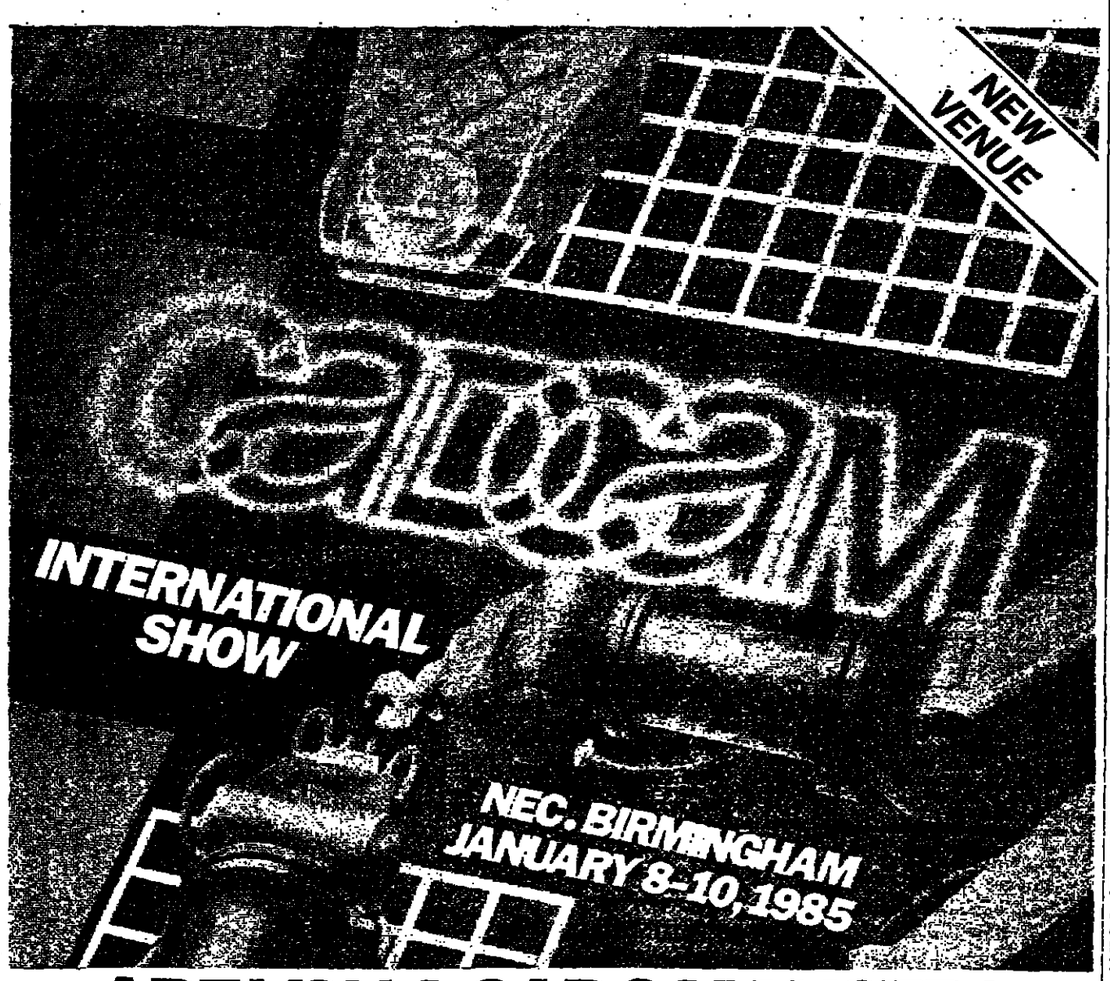
On the editorial side, Mr Terence Lancaster, political editor of the Daily Mirror since 1973, decided to take early retirement for health reasons and was succeeded as group political editor by Mr Joseph Haines, former Press secretary to Lord Wilson, formerly Mr Harold Wilson.

Miss Julia Langdon's appointment as political editor — she is the first woman to hold the post on a national paper — was announced in October.

Then, in November, Sir Thomas McCaffery, 62, former Downing Street Press secretary to Mr Callaghan, and then head of Mr Foot's private office, was appointed Mr Maxwell's special adviser and director, public affairs.

There have been several other changes at the group's London headquarters, while in Manchester, with effect from next Monday, Mr Alan Roe, Thomson's general manager at Withy Grove, where the Mirror group's northern editions are produced, becomes Mirror group deputy general manager, Manchester.

His main tasks will be to examine the feasibility of the group buying Thomson at Withy Grove and to negotiate with the print unions in Manch/. ster over new manning levels.



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FALLING POUND AIDS TOURIST TRADE BOOM

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

TOURISM is now Britain's biggest growth industry with 1·5 million people employed and 50,000 temporary jobs being created every year, Mr Duncan Bluck, chairman of the British Tourist Authority, said yesterday.

And against a background of a falling pound and favourable exchange rates, particularly for American tourists, hotel owners are predicting another bumper year in 1985.

Mr Bluck said more overseas visitors came to Britain last year than ever before.

Final figures will show about 14 million foreign visitors, spending about £5,500 million in Britain and on fares to British carriers.

He said the previous record of 12·5 million foreign visitors in 1983 would be exceeded by about 10 per cent.

Mr Bluck was commenting on Department of Trade figures showing that 12·3 million overseas visitors came in the first 10 months of last year.

Heavy bookings

The domestic market is also reporting heavy bookings, helped by the rising cost of foreign holidays (20 per cent. or more in Spain), and the memory of two good British summers.

Mr Ian Bell, chairman of the 15,000-strong British Hotels, Restaurants and Caterers Association said yesterday that bookings were "well up" on the same time last year.

"It looks like another record," he said. "My advice is to book early if you are planning a holiday in Britain, particularly if it is a family holiday. Family rooms are going very fast."

The optimistic forecasts coincided with the publication of a British Tourist Authority survey showing an improvement in London's reputation for expensive hotels and restaurants.

Growing number

While a majority of overseas visitors *still think hotels in* London are expensive, the survey indicates that a growing number consider the capital offers value for money.

They were particularly impressed by public transport, where half said fare were cheap and the rest considered them average, and theatres, described *by nearly a third as cheap.*

A majority, 56 per cent., considered restaurant prices cheap or average.

However, one fifth were dissatisfied with standards in hotels, citing lack of cleanliness and inadequate service, and more than a third complained of the rates of exchange offered *at bureaux de change*, and the commission charged.

5 HOLIDAY FIRMS GIVEN POOR RATING

Daily Telegraph Reporter

FIVE of the biggest package holiday operators scored below average marks for satisfying their customers in a survey of 55 operators published yesterday by HOLIDAY WHICH?, the Consumers' Association magazine.

The magazine asked 6,500 of its members who have had package holidays if they would recommend a friend to use the same operator, and said that Enterprise, Olympic, Global, Cosmos and Intasun achieved a below-average rating.

While the general level of satisfaction with package holidays was high, the survey found *that operators had done little* to put right the main complaints of their customers since a similar survey two years ago.

Common complaint

The most common complaint remained changes in arrangements after booking, including altered departure times — *sometimes by a day. Well over* one in 20 said their accommodation had been switched.

There were also frequent complaints of uncomfortable travel arrangements, delays, and of unhelpful and inaccessible couriers and representatives.

Eight operators fared "significantly *better than average*" in the survey — Vacances Franco-Britainniques, Swiss Travel Service, Travel Club of Upminster, Beach Villas, Eurocamp, Canvas Holidays (DFDS) Longship and Kuoni. Those rated significantly worse were Airtours, Carousel and Summerplan.

SNAGGED BY SNAKE

A 14ft python blacked out the business district of Davao in the southern Philippines for three hours by coiling itself around the top of a pylon. It took firemen four hours early yesterday to unwind the python, which they *killed and sliced* into snake steak.—Reuter.

Police wait for widow's statement

By T. A. SANDROCK
Crime Correspondent

THE widow of the murdered millionaire dress designer Mr Aristos Constantinou, 40, has not yet been able to make a full statement to police because of her distressed condition.

But police now know that the intruders, at least two, shot down Mr Constantinou in his home in The Bishops Avenue, Hampstead, escaped from the house through the garden.

Marks have been found on stables at the rear of the premises and police believe the men climbed over his to make their getaway.

Police have also traced and questioned occupants of two cars which slowed down but did not stop when Mrs Elena Constantinou escaped from a locked bathroom, ran into the road and tried to get help.

999 call

The first car was driven by a woman. She was with her husband and two friends and they went to police yesterday as a result of public appeals.

The other car driver has identified himself. Although he did not stop, after driving on a short distance he did make a 999 call which was received at *1.37 a.m. and was the first* emergency call received concerning the murder.

The inquest on the dead man, who had been shot seven times, was opened at Hornsey and adjourned for three months.

Dr Steven Cordner, pathologist, said the cause of death was multiple gunshot wounds to the head and chest.

BBC SQUEEZED OUT OF TV 'TOP TEN'

By Our Television Staff

ITV soap operas and game shows succeeded in squeezing out the BBC from the last television "top ten" before Christmas, according to figures published today for the week ending Dec. 23.

The most popular programme was "*Coronation Street*" which attracted 18,750,000 viewers. This is five million more than watched the most popular BBC programme, a Saturday night news and sports bulletin. ITV and Channel 4 achieved a combined 58 per cent of the total share of viewing for the week.

The "top ten" programmes were: 1, "*Coronation Street*" Monday (Granada). 2, "Coronation Street" Wednesday. 3, "Bullseye" (Central). 4, "Russ Abbot's Christmas Madhouse" (LWT). 5, "Play Your Cards Right" (LWT). 6, "Name That Tune" (Thames). 7, "Give Us A Clue" (Thames). 8, "Crossroads" Tuesday (Central). 9, "*Emmerdale Farm*" Tuesday (Yorkshire). 10, "Crossroads" Wednesday.

Research by Audits of Great Britain for Broadcasters' Audience Research Board.

'WELSH BOMBS' CASE MAN GIVES HIMSELF UP

Gareth Westacott, for whom a warrant was issued when he failed to appear with seven others on explosives charges in September, 1983, came before Cardiff Crown Court yesterday.

Applying for bail, Mr John Charles Rees, said Westacott, 28, faced a joint charge of conspiracy to cause explosions and one specific charge of causing an explosion in Pontypridd. He said Westacott had voluntarily given himself up on Wednesday.

Remanding Westacott in custody, Judge John Rutter said he did not think it would be appropriate to grant bail at this stage or deal with the question of his absconding over a period of 15 months. He ordered that the application be relisted as soon as possible.

TWO FACE NEW BEAUFORT GRAVE CHARGE

Two men accused of theft and criminal damage at the grave of the 10th Duke of Beaufort faced a new charge yesterday of attempting to dig up, remove and "offer indignities" to his remains.

Terrence Helsby, 21, of White Hart Lane, Tottenham, and John Curtin, 22, of Kingsland Avenue, Coventry, were remanded in custody for seven days at Yate, near Bristol. A bail application was refused.

Helsby and Curtin, both unemployed, were already accused of stealing a wooden cross, valued at £250 from the cemetery at the late Duke's estate, and with causing £100 damage by daubing paint on the church and boundary walls at Badminton.

THREAT TO IRISH PHONE BOXES

Telecom Eireann, the Irish telephone company, is considering taking its kiosks off the streets and putting them in "semi-protected areas" because of widespread attacks by vandals.

It costs the company £1,000 to erect a public phone box, but vandals destroy as many as 200 in a night, according to Mr Alan Corbett, Telecom Eireann commercial director. "It is beginning to look to us as though public telephones as such cannot continue in isolated areas," he said.

Former Royal trainee chauffeur Kevin Boland on his way to court yesterday.

Ex-trainee chauffeur to Queen Mother for trial

By KENNETH CLARKE

A FORMER trainee chauffeur to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother elected to go for trial by jury when he appeared yesterday at Horseferry Road Court charged with possessing an offensive weapon.

KEVIN BOLAND, 18, is accused of possessing a survival knife at Horseferry Road, Westminster, on Dec. 12. Mr ANTHONY COX, his solicitor, asked for the case to be heard at the Crown Court and Mr JAMES JOBLING, the magistrate, asked if that was really necessary.

Told that it was, Mr Jobling said: "I shall tell the Crown *Court that it (the case)* is entirely suitable for trial at this court." Boland was remanded on unconditional bail until Jan. 17.

Boland is understood to be living with his parents, who are employed in the Royal Household, at Royal Mews.

He resigned from his £60-a-week trainee position after his arrest. He gave police his address as Clarence House, the Queen Mother's home in St James's Palace.

The magistrate warned him: "If you fail to appear on Jan. 17, it will be a further offence for which you can go to prison and be given an unlimited fine."

A spokesman for the Law Society said: "It is the right of the defendant to be able to elect for trial by jury."

The Magistrates' Association *would like to see some cases,* for example theft of property of very low value, triable summarily only, unless the court felt there would be particular merit in trial by jury.

'Peace' camp hits house for £15,000

A NEWBURY man and his wife were counting the cost yesterday of living 15 yards from one of the main "peace" camps run by anti-nuclear women campaigners outside Greenham's perimeter fence.

After months of trying, Mr Ivor Scull and his wife Janet have finally found a buyer for their cottage, which overlooks the Pyle Hill encampment.

But although the house has had a valuation of almost £90,000, the Sculls have had to accept an offer of just under £75,000.

Mr Scull, an estate agent, said yesterday: "Obviously we are disappointed, but at the same time we are glad to be going."

Angry exchanges

He and his wife have had angry exchanges with the peace women. The couple have made no secret that they have no sympathies with the women, who have been accused by residents of fouling the common and hitting house prices.

The couple have lived in Church Cottage, a converted school house, for four years. But they say their last two years have been "sheer hell" following the women's decision to set up their tents outside the entrance to the cruise missile base.

The Sculls can see the camp from their front bedroom window and when they step out of the front gate the nearest tents are about 15 yards away.

On numerous occasions they have had their early morning *peace shattered by demonstrations* and by women trying to block the path for cruise missile convoys.

Mr Scull said: "We have bitter-sweet thoughts about going. The house has been fine, it's just the neighbours. We shall glad to be gone."

He said contracts had been *signed, but he refused to* identify the purchasers. He also declined to say where he and his wife would be moving for fear of retaliation from the anti-nuclear movement.

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Mao's victims have a lonely hearts paper

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

CHINESE left on the shelf after 30 now have their own bi-weekly lonely hearts newspaper, named after Yuelao, an ancient god who unites couples in marriage with *a crimson thread.*

Articles in yesterday's edition were entitled "How to choose a mate," "Voices of lonely hearts," "To lovers" and "A guide to family planning."

One section carried a series of "love stories" another displayed *advertisements from 15* so-called "older singles" urgently requiring mates.

Huang Kun, the editor, said: "Our initial announcement of the paper's launch brought us 150,000 subscribers."

'Amazing response'

The paper, circulated nationally, is *published in* the southern province of Fukien where a workers' magazine ran a feature on the difficulties of coal miners finding spouses.

Huang said that the response was amazing. More than 700 women from all over the country wrote letters saying they wanted to marry miners.

The problem of unmarried people in their 30s is officially blamed on Chairman Mao and his Cultural Revolution. Millions of youths were sent to the fields with little opportunity for romance.

Ageing bachelors have difficulty in finding partners because of the traditional Chinese preference for mid-20s marriage.

There are said to be about 100,000 single people in their 30s in Peking alone, with millions elsewhere.

'Crisis' situation

Hu Yaobang, Communist party chief, has voiced concern, *speaking* of a "crisis" situation. He has urged cadres to establish match-making agencies. Special "singles only" dances are now organised at Peking's Temple of Heaven Park.

Even the usually staid PEOPLE'S DAILY, is worried. A commentary spoke of "an unsettling *situation*" with people being too choosy.

Women were after "well-built, well-educated and talented" men. All men wanted a woman with the "face of an actress, body of an athlete, manner of a servant, and cooking skills of a chef."

Such wonders, the paper concluded, "only exist in fairyland."

DETECTIVE CLEARED OF PERJURY

A STORE detective accused of losing three packets of Turkey escalopes needed for a shoplifting case and replacing them with three others, was cleared of perjury yesterday.

Mr GILES FORRESTER, prosecuting at St Albans Crown Court, had claimed that Mrs MARTHA LAUSZKIN, 39, of Edgeworth Close, Hendon, produced the escalopes at Hitchin court on July 5 last year, as evidence against Mr VITO FALCO, who was accused of stealing £4 worth of meat from Safeways in Hitchin.

Mr Falco was found guilty and fined. But his conviction was quashed on appeal.

No bearing on case

Mr NICHOLAS FREEMAN, defending, argued that the meat exhibits did not play a material part in the case against Mr Falco. It was only after the case that it was discovered that the turkey escalopes exhibited were not the original ones.

Judge Michael Hickman ruled no case to answer. For perjury to have been committed the meat itself would have to have been a material matter in the case against Mr Falco. But the meat exhibits had no bearing on the case.

He ordered the jury to return a not guilty verdict.

DOG DIGS OUT BURIED THREE

Shady, an Alaskan sled dog, saved the lives of his master, Jean-Daniel Josi, 29, a two-year-old boy and a four-year-old girl after they were all buried by an avalanche on Wednesday on the slopes of Col de la Croix, 5,722ft, in the Swiss Alps.

The malamute was pulling a sled carrying a friend's children when the avalanche struck. The [illegible] managed to dig himself out, and then pulled out the sled with the children, and finally Mr Josi.—A.P.

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U.S. FORCE HAS NUCLEAR SUBS TO BEAT TERRORISM

By IAN BALL in New York

THE Pentagon has secretly assembled a 2,000-member commando force, equipped with its own planes and helicopters and with access to two nuclear submarines, to strike back at terrorists anywhere in the world, the N B C television network reported yesterday.

The network said that the new emphasis on training and equipping anti-terrorism forces was designed to rectify many of the problems that contributed to the failure of the Iranian hostage rescue mission in 1980.

N B C showed film of the refit of two ageing nuclear submarines, the John Marshall and the Sam Houston, and said these would soon be carrying "counter-terrorist commandos instead of Polaris missiles."

It added: "Each submarine will deliver more than 100 commandos from either the Navy's S E A L Team Six or the Army's Detachment Delta, both trained in hostage rescue and pre-emptive raids on terrorist targets."

Asked about the report, the Pentagon's chief spokesman refused to comment, citing a standing Defence Department policy of declining to discuss in any fashion the country's special operations forces.

'Willingness to kill'

"Delta commandos are psychiatrically screened for their willingness to kill," N B C reported. "They often practise, using manikins in a so-called shooting room at Fort Bragg."

The submarines that reportedly have been assigned to the counter-terrorism strike force were commissioned in 1962 as ballistic missile submarines. They were converted to attack submarines four years ago after their missiles had been removed.

The Navy yesterday would say only that the two submarines were "undergoing modifications to provide additional military capability" at a shipyard at Puget Sound, Washington State.

The cost of the ship alterations was about $8,000,000 (nearly £7,000,000) per submarine, the Navy spokesman added. But the details of the conversions were classified.

The N B C report suggested that the Army had set unusually high requirements for the men accepted into the ranks of Delta Detachment.

"To begin to qualify for Delta, a man must be able to run all day, read a philosophical work like Machiavelli's 'The Prince' at night, and give a briefing on it at sunrise," it added.

"After acceptance into Delta the commandos are sent to various tension-filled spots around the world. They were standing by in the Persian Gulf during the Kuwaiti hijacking.

"They served as advisers when the Nato general, James Dozier, was rescued from kidnappers in Italy — and they will be at President Reagan's inauguration this month."

16 CHILDREN KILLED

By Our Bangkok Correspondent

Sixteen children were killed and 31 injured by a grenade that went off when an 11-year-old pupil who found it tried to dismantle it at a Thai primary school in Phichit province, 279 miles north of Bangkok, police said yesterday. At the time 450 pupils were lining up for afternoon classes.

Demands for cuts face Pentagon

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

CONGRESS officially reconvened yesterday for a post-election session likely to be dominated by argument over the nation's gaping budget deficit.

Although the lawmakers are unlikely to settle down to serious business until next month, after President Reagan's second inauguration on Jan. 21 and his State of the Union message eight days later, political skirmishing has already begun.

Mr Reagan, back in the White House after his Californian holiday, hopes to reduce the Federal deficits — now running close to $200 billion (£175 billion) — without raising taxes or slowing the military build-up.

But Congressional leaders of both parties are insisting that the Pentagon must bear its share of any austerity cuts affecting social welfare.

'Indecision' claim

Mr Willam Gray, the Democrat expected to become chairman of the House Budget Committee, said in an interview: "You already see Republican members of the House and Senate backing away from (Mr Reagan's) budget proposals at 1,000 miles per hour, and you see total indecision in the White House."

But Senator Robert Dole, the new Senate Republican majority leader, predicted that Congress would enact a package of spending cuts by early summer.

Few outsiders share this optimism. Although the Senate remains in Republican hands by a reduced 55-47 majority, the Democrats lost only 14 House of Representatives seats in November, which leaves them a comfortable 252-183 margin in that chamber.

Mr Reagan promised in the election campaign not to raise taxes to curb the deficit.

ELEPHANT SCARE

Rogue elephants that trampled two Indonesians to death have forced an entire village to take refuge in a mosque each night. The government in Jakarta plans to capture the animals and turn them into tame circus performers.—U P I.

An Ethiopian Jewess taking her first meal in a Jerusalem hospital after being secretly airlifted to Israel with thousands of other black Jews from the stricken famine areas.

French-only law dies

By ERIC DOWD in Toronto

A COURT has ruled that shops and businesses in Quebec have a right to use signs in English, ending almost the last vestige of a "French only" law which many Canadians found repressive.

The Quebec Superior Court said the law requiring French-only signs on businesses, passed by the separatist Parti Quebecois government in 1977, was illegal because it violated Quebec's own human rights charter which guarantees freedom of expression.

The court appeal was launched by five Montreal shopkeepers, including a florist who wanted to use the words "flowers" and "fleurs" on his shop window as his family had done for 150 years.

Many businesses had ignored the law.

The effect of the court ruling is that businesses can put up signs in French and any other language. Because it held that the province has power to require signs in French, an official language, but cannot forbid the use of other languages.

The ruling was the latest in a series which have whittled down the notorious language law, brought in as an attempt to maintain and strengthen French.

One earlier court ruling allowed bilingual brochures and advertising material, and another halted the plan to have all large businesses eventually operate exclusively in French.

POLICE 'AGAINST PRIEST'

By ROBIN GEDYE
Diplomatic Staff

A SECRET police lieutenant charged with the murder of Father Jerzy Popieluszko said yesterday that the Warsaw police headquarters was involved in and aware of "actions" taken against the pro-Solidarity priest.

Lt Waldemar Chmielowski, who told the court he never intended to kill the priest, was asked about a series of meetings held to discuss Father Popieluszko in September and October, shortly before the murder.

They were said to have been attended by a man named for the first time as Janusz Drozdz, a deputy section head in the Warsaw police department.

The meetings were also said to have been attended, by among others, Col Adam Petruszka, who is alleged to have instigated the murder, and Capt. Grzegorz Piotrowski, the alleged ringleader.

Lt Chmielewski, 29, Lt Leszek Pekala, 32, and Capt. Piotrowski 33, are charged with kidnapping Father Popieluszko and beating him to death; and Col Petruszka, 47, is charged with aiding and abetting his three subordinates.

Lt Chmielewski, who had a facial twitch and had been stuttering, fainted in court yesterday when he was the only one of the four policemen accused of involvement in the murder to give evidence.

Doctors who examined him said he was fit to continue giving evidence. He said he developed his nervous habits after Father Popieluszko was murdered.

He spent much of the day trying to shift blame for the killing on to Lt Pekala. He said that Pekala had personally selected the site where Father Popieluszko was kidnapped and had expressed disappointment at the failure of an earlier attempt on the priest's life.

Under surveillance

Lt Chmielewski, giving evidence on the fourth day of the trial, said he was aware that the "actions" against Father Popieluszko were "carried out on the broadest scale, including actions by other people — namely the deputy section head Drozdz and Warsaw police headquarters."

It is known that Father Popieluszko, 37, kidnapped and murdered on the night of Oct. 19, was under constant surveillance by police because of the popularity of his monthly sermons supporting Solidarity, the banned independent trade union.

It seemed to him (Chmielewski) that "we were overstepping the limits of our mission."

Chmielewski expressed disdain for the Roman Catholic Church and shocked onlookers by referring to masses as "performances."

He referred to a shrine commemorating Solidarity in Lech Walesa's parish church as a "phenomenon."

The court adjourned until today.

MORE GERMANS IN EMBASSY GIVE UP

By Our Staff Correspondent in Bonn

A further 11 East Germans ended their occupation of the West German Embassy in Prague yesterday and returned home, leaving 29 compatriots still there. On Wednesday 17 left after repeated assurances by East Berlin that they would not be prosecuted and would be able to apply to emigrate to the west.

The Communist regime has declined, however, to guarantee that exit visas will be granted. Confirming the latest departures a Bonn spokesman said yesterday that more of the refugees were expected to give up in the next few days their attempt to compel authorities to allow them to emigrate to the West.

It is also expected in Bonn that at least four of eight East Germans seeking asylum in the West German Embassy in Budapest will give up soon. But nine refugees, seven East Germans and two Poles of German extraction, are still holding out in the Embassy in Warsaw.

China slims down army to cut State expenses

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

GEN. YANG DESHI, 74, China's Chief of General Staff, has pledged to slim down the ranks of the four million-strong People's Liberation Army in order to cut State expenses.

A large number of officers would be demobilised to help with the civilian modernisation programme.

But he stressed in an interview yesterday with the CHINA DAILY that the military would continue to improve weaponry and "beef up" education and training.

The aim was to turn the P L A into a modern revolutionary force with a strong capability for quick reaction.

The military is last on the list of priorities for Teng Hsiao-ping, the Chinese leader, in terms of national development. It has been criticised for being backward and carrying too many old and ineffectual leaders.

Move to West

However, as Teng demonstrated in October by holding the first military parade in Peking for years, it is still a force to be carefully nurtured, particularly as its ranks include a number of Left-wing critics of the way China is moving Westward.

Just a few days ago, Teng managed to secure the resignation of 40 top army officers, most of them in their 60s. The move will be singularly helpful in his drive to move younger officers, better versed in the ways of modern technology, into the vanguard of the military.

The PLA has now been told to retool some of its defence industries to produce consumer goods for the civilian market and help the economy in any way it can.

Gen. Yang said that last year the military took part in over 1,100 State and local projects. "It has rarely happened that the PLA has devoted so many troops to so many projects," he said.

Spearhead for Mao

The military also reduced some of its restricted zones, including airports, harbours and barracks, for civilian use, the general said.

The drive to create a modern and more mechanised army is a complete about-turn from the ideas of the late Mao Tse-Tung, who used the military as the ideological spearhead for his radical, and as it turned out, quite impractical policies.

However, with the emphasis on the peaceful reconstruction of the State, defence appropriations have fallen, with annual spending now at around £6 billion — or 13 per cent. of the total State expenditure.

Troop levels are reported to have been cut by about 100,000 over the past two years.

Gen. Yang said the present duty of the armed forces was to support the current economic reforms. He said: "Only a prosperous nation and people can provide a strong base for building up the P L A."

Gandhi ministers to tackle Sikh problem

By BALRAM TANDON in New Delhi

MR GANDHI, the Indian Prime Minister, yesterday appointed three senior Cabinet Ministers to tackle the political problems of the Punjab which have alienated the country's 12 million Sikhs and led to Mrs Gandhi's assassination last year.

He named the three as Mr P. V. Narasinha Rao, Minister for Defence; Mr S. B. Chavan, Minister for Home Affairs; and Mr K. C. Pant, Minister for Education.

He charged the three to make an "in depth and wide-ranging" study of the problem, and to trot out possible lines of a solution.

At least two of the ministers have intimate knoyledge of the problem. Mr Narasimha Rao was Home Minister for most of last year, and Mr Pant was involved in efforts to sound out the leaders of the Akali Dal (Sikh party).

Leaders in jail

Yesterday's announcement made no mention of contacts with the Sikh leaders — Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, the president of the party; Sant Gurcharan Singh Tohra, president of the Holy Temple managing committee who heads the Marxist group; and Sant Jagdev Singh Talwandi, a hardliner — who are still in prison.

The Akali Dal's agitation formed a major issue in the last general election and Mr Gandhi referred to it in every campaign speech, arguing against the Sikh demands for autonomy adopted at Anandpur Saheb.

The Akali Dal, on the other hand, insisted that all it wanted was the centre to accept true federalism with the rights of the Sikhs guaranteed.

The agitation began in 1982 when the Akali Dal demanded a set of political and religious concessions which included:

CHANDIGAR: to be the exclusive capital of the state;

AMENDMENT of Article 25 of the Constitution to remove an ambiguity that the Sikhs were part of the Hindu religion;

THE inclusion in Punjab of pre dominantly Punjabi-speaking enclaves in Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh;

IMPLEMENTATION of the Anandpur Saheb resolution on the state's autonomy;

EQUITABLE share of water and power from the Bhakra Dam.

Transmitter demand

One religious demand was that a transmitter be installed at the Golden Temple to broadcast hymns from the holiest shrine of the Sikhs for three hours daily.

The Sikhs also wanted the old walled city of Amritsar to be declared a holy city, with a ban on the sale of liquor, tobacco and meat.

Mrs Gandhihas conceded that Chandigarh could be given to Punjab only if the Sikhs agreed to surrender some predominantly Hindi-speaking enclaves to Haryana.

She was also willing to consider amending Article 25, uphold the complaints on water and power sharing, and accept the religious demands, but she firmly rejected any concessions on the Anandpur Saheb resolution.

MOSCOW CLOSURE

A new underground railway line in South-East Moscow has been closed for repairs after only three weeks. A train driver who spotted a track fault stopped just short of it. —Reuter.

ARGENTINA ANGRY ABOUT OIL

By DAVID ADAMSON
Diplomatic Correspondent

ARGENTINA reacted angrily yesterday to the possibility that Britain will permit onshore drilling for oil in the Falkland Islands.

A statement issued by the Foreign Ministry in Buenos Aires said: "Such acts being considered by London seriously damage the possibility of renewing negotiations."

Garbled reports in the Argentine Press spoke of oil-drilling concessions being granted to an American firm. In fact, a British firm, Firstland Oil and Gas, has just completed a geological survey under an exploration licence granted by the Falklands Islands Government.

Mineral lease needed

The area concerned is a 156,000-acre block at Douglas Station in East Falkland. The geologist who carried out the survey is expected to submit his report this month.

Exploitation of any oil resources that might exists could not begin until a mineral lease was issued.

Firstland, a small company with an office in South Audley Street, Mayfair, is concerned solely with exploration. It holds exploration leases in Texas and Oklahoma, where it has made two discoveries.

The existance of oil under the seabed around the Falklands has long been mooted, but the unresolved dispute between Britain and Argentina over sovereignty has inhibited exploration.

NUREYEV TROUPE IN BUS CRASH

A French ballet troupe, led by Rudolph Nureyev, narrowly escaped injury yesterday when a bus carrying them to the Taj Mahal was hit by a lorry loaded with fish.

The bus carrying 20 members of the Paris Opera Ballet was on its way to the northern town of Agra when the accident occurred 30 miles out of New Delhi. Five dancers suffered minor cuts and bruises.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAVIA SNOW

Snow up to 5in deep has blanketed large parts of Yugoslavia and the airports of Sarajevo and Skopje had to be closed yesterday. Many children along the Adriatic Coast saw snow for the first time.—A P.

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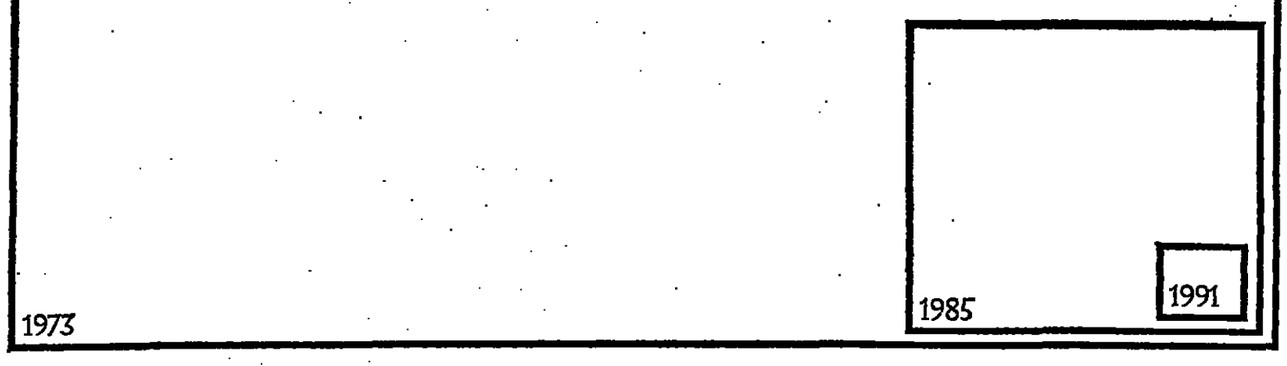

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ETHIOPIANS DIE ON TRIP TO LAND OF HOPE

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN in Addis Ababa

A NEW life promised to famine victims from drought-stricken northern Ethiopia in more fertile parts of the country is proving a short-lived hope for some of the 500,000 people being resettled.

Many families are ill before they start the five-day lorry journey to re-settlement sites in western and south-western provinces, bordering Sudan, and arrive in poor physical condition.

Four or five children and several adults are dying every day, a party of Australian Government officials has learned on a visit to a re-settlement site in Wollega province.

The party found only three nurses in a resettlement district at Asosa, 300 miles west of Addis Ababa, where 14,000

families — more than 50,000 people — arrived from northern famine camps in three weeks. It is planned to settle 20,000 families there.

A shortage of food limited rations, but the officials found the settlers bright and alert, and there was a lot of activity as wild grass and logs were cut to build the Ethiopian circular grass-roofed huts known as tukuls.

Children still showed signs of disorders due to famine but looked bright-eyed and were running about.

Only the healthiest

Ninety per cent. of the families were from the famine relief centres at Bati, Korem, and Kombolcha, and only the healthiest had been selected for resettlement, the Australians were told.

The officials were from the Development Assistance Bureau and Overseas Disaster Response Organisation of Australia. They were the first representatives of a Western donor government to visit a resettlement site.

The Australians found there was a big change for the settlers from an area 8,000ft above sea level to the hot, muggy atmosphere of the lowland grasslands of Asosa.

They also found a threat to settlers and cattle from malarial mosquitoes and the tsetse fly, both unknown in the highlands. The prevalence of these is a reason why large areas of western lowland, where the land is fertile with plenty of water, have remained unpopulated and uncultivated.

The party will report to the Australian government that a major effort to eradicate these threats is essential.

Earlier scheme

An earlier scheme was carried out in Asosa in 1978. The Australian officials found that sight of the crops and homes of earlier settlers appeared to boost the morale of newcomers. The fertility of the soil was self-evident.

The newcomers were each being given two hectares (nearly five acres) of land, and a large number of Ethiopian Government surveyors were at work dividing up plots.

Some settlers had already started digging the soil but were hampered by a shortage of implements, four or five settlers sharing one hoe.

In Gambela, south-western Ethiopia, the Australian officials found preparations had started to clear forest sites for 50,000 families, equivalent to between 200,000 and 250,000 people, in 100 new villages, grouped in seven districts. The families were to be housed in large communal sheds.

Much spending needed

Between 20 and 30 government surveyors were examining the ground. The officials were told that trees would be cleared with tractors and bulldozers from a nearby State farm and that the land would be ploughed.

But Ethiopian authorities emphasised to the Australians that the settlers would each be given two hectares and would not be brought into the nearby collective farm.

Western governments are being asked by Ethiopia to help fund the resettlemnet programme, which requires large expenditure on roads, services, health care, drilling rigs for water wells, agricultural implements, and seed.

The request has met a so far largely negative response from donor governments who are meeting Ethiopia's needs for emergency famine relief but have shown reluctance to provide the Marxist military regime with long-term development aid.

Payout for college help from spouse

By IAN BRODIE in Los Angeles

CALIFORNIA has a new divorce law that pays compensation for helping a former husband or wife through college.

Under the law, the first of its kind, if family income contributed to an education that enhanced one spouse's earning power, the other spouse can be reimbursed for half the contribution, plus interest.

The law was passed by the California legislature in the wake of a widely-publicised case of a medical student and his wife, Mark and Janet Sullivan.

He studied while she worked as an accountant to pay for his education and to keep them.

When they split up after 11 years, they had only two used cars and some second-hand furniture, not all paid for. But he had his medical degree and opened a lucrative urology practice south of Los Angeles.

In her divorce suit, Mrs Sullivan argued that the degree was their joint property and she was entitled to a share of Dr Sullivan's future earnings.

Second thoughts

California courts at first rejected the novel idea that knowledge could be considered as property, then upheld it, and on second thoughts turned it down again.

Irritated by this indecision, the California legislature passed the new law which severely limits claims such as Mrs Sullivan's.

Mr Elihu Harris, author of the law, said the idea was to reimburse spouses for forgoing their own education.

Kennedy to spend night in Soweto black township

By CHRISTOPHER MUNNION in Johannesburg

AMID widespread anti-apartheid demonstrations in America, Senator Edward Kennedy and a large retinue is due to arrive in South Africa tomorrow for an eight-day visit.

His crowded itinerary leaves no room for doubt as to where the Kennedy sympathies lie.

A bare minimum of time has been set aside for the senator to meet President P. W. Botha, ministers and officials in Cape Town next week.

Visit to Tutu

He will set the tone on arrival by travelling directly to Soweto, Johannesburg's sprawling black satellite city, where he will spend the night as a guest of Bishop Desmond Tutu, last year's Nobel Peace Prize-winner and Anglican Bishop-elect of Johannesburg.

Most of Sunday will also be spent in Soweto. He will attend a church service, and hold meetings with black political activists and relatives of political detainees.

On Monday, a helicopter will drop him into a black township in the Vaal Triangle, scene of four months of bloody unrest last year, and to areas of forced black resettlement in the Transvaal.

He will address the American Chamber of Commerce in Johannesburg, where he is expected to emphasise his commitment to the growing campaign for American disinvestment in the South African economy.

Speech in Cape

A morning has been set aside for Mr Kennedy to visit Mrs Winifred Mandela, wife of Nelson Mandela, the jailed leader of the African National Congress, at her home in Brandfort, Orange Free State.

He will also visit Durban before flying to Cape Town where he will tour black squatter camps on the Cape Flats and make what aides describe as "a keynote speech" on American attitudes towards South Africa.

Mr Kennedy will end his tour by flying to Windhoek, South West Africa (Namibia), and then on to Zambia for talks with President Kaunda. He is also expected to meet exiled leaders of the ANC in Lusaka before returning to America.

South African officials, many with bitter memories of the turbulent visit made in 1966 by Mr Kennedy's late brother, Robert, will be monitoring his tour with some trepidation tinged with scepticism.

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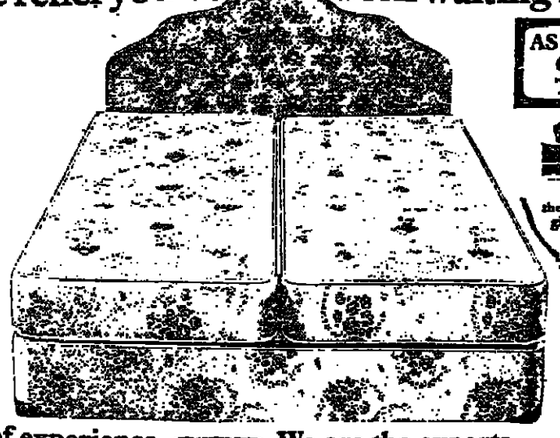

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French clash again on 'gerrymandering'

By MICHAEL FIELD in Paris

THE French political Opposition is already accusing the Government of redefining electoral boundaries to suit the Socialists in the next important round of local government elections in March.

The "cantonal elections," to renew seats on about half of the departmental councils, are widely seen as a dress rehearsal for the general election due in 1986.

It is almost a tradition for French governments to re-arrange constituency boundaries to suit themselves and to indulge in gerrymandering.

The Socialists and Communists have always accused the Gaullists of doing this. Since 1981 it has been the Right's turn to complain.

In this series, 1,848 "cantons"—departmental sub-divisions—were up for election in 1979.

M. Pierre Joxe, Minister of the Interior and Decentralisation, has published a first list of new divisions to be added to these.

He says he will not create more than 100 to 150 new "cantons." Already the Right say he is rigging the system in his favour.

Waning strength

The Opposition is particularly angry that 51 of the new electoral divisions are in the Val de Marne Department, east of Paris, where the Government obviously hopes to draw on local Socialist and Communist support to restore waning strength in local government.

Over the last six months, by-elections in the cantons have revealed heavy abstention, a decline in the Left's strength and substantial progress by the Right-wing Opposition.

Seventeen of the local by-elections have been held since the Government's debacle in the European elections on June 17. The Opposition has held on to three of the nine cantons where it held a majority, and won five more from the Government side.

Although the Communists won one of the Right-wing councils—that of Barjac, in the southerly Gard Department—they and the Socialists generally went down badly.

The Socialists did worse than their former coalition partner. While the Communists hung on to a few positions and won one from the Right, the Socialists lost three of the four cantons they controlled and, in one case, handed the Opposition control of the full departmental assembly in the Allier.

BONN BRIBES TRIAL IS DELAYED

By MICHAEL FARR in Bonn

THE trial on charges of bribery and corruption of two former West German economics ministers, Count Otto Lambsdorff and Herr Hans Friderichs, as well as Herr Eberhard von Brauchitsch, the former general manager of the Flick industrial empire, was postponed yesterday in Bonn.

It was due to begin next Thursday. No new date has been set by the Bonn court.

A court spokesman explained that the delay was necessary because of additional charges of tax evasion levelled against Herr von Brauchitsch last Friday.

Count Lambsdorff, 55, who resigned as Economics Minister in June on learning that he would have to stand trial, was also charged additionally last month with tax evasion concerning a sum of Dm2·25 million (£625,000) on donations to his Free Democratic party during his time as party treasurer in North-Rhine Westphalia.

Tax waiver

The earlier charges against him allege that as economics minister he granted the Flick concern major tax breaks in return for cash donations to his party totalling DM155,000 (£37,500).

Herr von Brauchitsch is charged with making the bribes and now with tax evasion on more than DM30 million (£8·5 million).

Herr Friderichs, Count Lambsdorff's predecessor as economics minister and also a Free Democrat, is charged with granting Flick a tax waiver during his term of office in return for DM375,000 (£104,200) for party coffers.

Investigations into whether he should additionally be charged with tax evasion have still to be completed.

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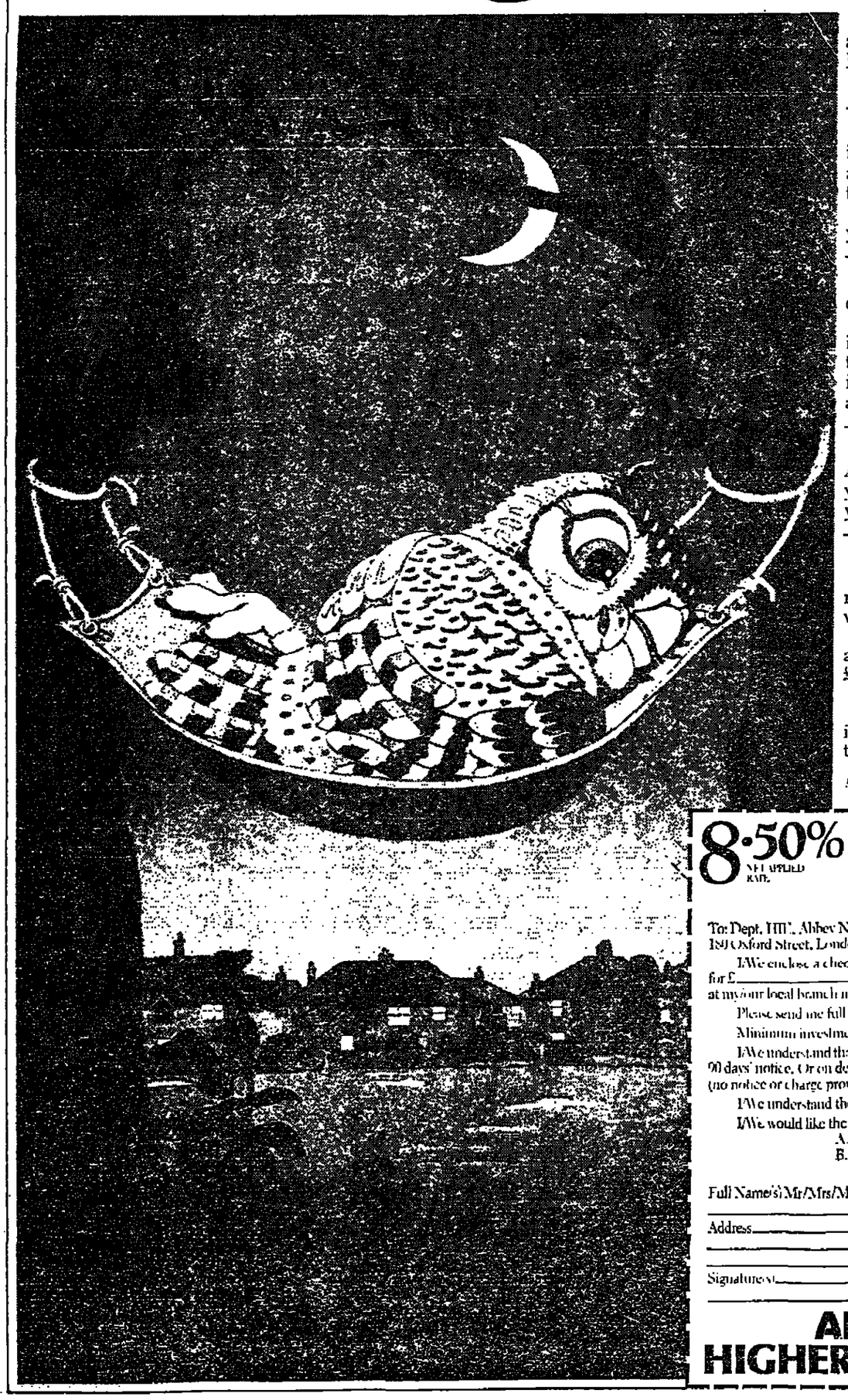

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HOPE ON JOBS DESPITE MORE ADULTS OUT OF WORK

By STEPHEN WARD Industrial Staff

UNEMPLOYMENT fell by 3,180 in December to 3,219,406. A rise in the adult jobless was slightly more than offset by a fall in the number of school-leavers out of work.

The seasonally adjusted adult unemployment figure, the best guide to the underlying trend, rose as it had throughout 1984, by 5,600, to 3,107,200.

But Mr Tom King, Employment Secretary, expressed cautious optimism about the future, saying there was a "real chance of improvement."

He said there was normally a sharp increase in the January total, followed by some easing in the February figures.

"But there has been some slightly better news around recently. Employment has been rising.

"Not only has there been a substantial growth in the service industry jobs, but, in the three months to October there was also a small increase in manufacturing jobs.

"And according to a recent independent report, recruitment prospects are at their most favourable for five years and further growth in employment is expected in 1985."

Pay warning

Mr King gave a warning that high pay rises in the current round could jeopardise the brighter prospects.

"All of this should concentrate the minds of wage negotiators not to allow excessive wage settlements and a short-term gain in pay packets to sabotage what I believe is now a real chance of improvement.

"That would be the worst possible news — and for unemployed people most of all."

The number of unemployed adults rose by 13,355 in December to 3,108,067, the smallest December rise since 1979, when the total rose by 11,400.

The number of school-leavers out of work fell by 16,000, to 111,339. This is the lowest number of school-leavers on the register in December since 1981 when the rules for signing on were changed.

Rise slackens

The overall underlying trend of unemployment for the second half of 1984 was a rise of 12,000 a month, lower than the 15,000 a month increase for the first half of the year.

Overall the unemployment total rose by 0·1 per cent. for the three months to December. The area showing the steepest rise was Wales (0·3 per cent.), while the South West, East Midlands, Yorkshire and Humberside, the North, and Greater London all rose by more than the average, by 0·2 per cent.

The South East, West Midlands, North West and Scotland all recorded the same rise as the national average, East Anglia had no change, while in Northern Ireland, the traditional jobs blackspot, unemployment fell by 0·1 per cent. over the period.

These figures for three months compare with the following figures in other countries: Spain 0·9 per cent. rise, Canada 0·4 per cent. rise and France 0·2 rise.

Figures for Sweden and Japan were stable, while unemployment in West Germany fell by 0·1 per cent., in the United States by 0·1 per cent., in Belgium by 0·2 per cent., and in the Netherlands by 0·3 per cent.

The number of vacancies (seasonally adjusted) on the books at Jobcentres fell by 6,300 in December to 161,300. This is largely attributable to a fall in new vacancies on the Government's Community Programme scheme, which has now filled its 130,000 places.

The fall in the number of vacancies followed rises every month since March, 1984.

Despite the overall fall in the number of vacancies, the volume of jobs coming on to the books and being filled has continued to rise, indicating an increasing activity in the job market.

The number of redundancies in the first 11 months of 1984 was 214,800, compared with 294,900 for the equivalent period in 1983, 355,000 in the comparable part of 1982. In 1980 and 1981 the comparable figure exceeded 400,000.

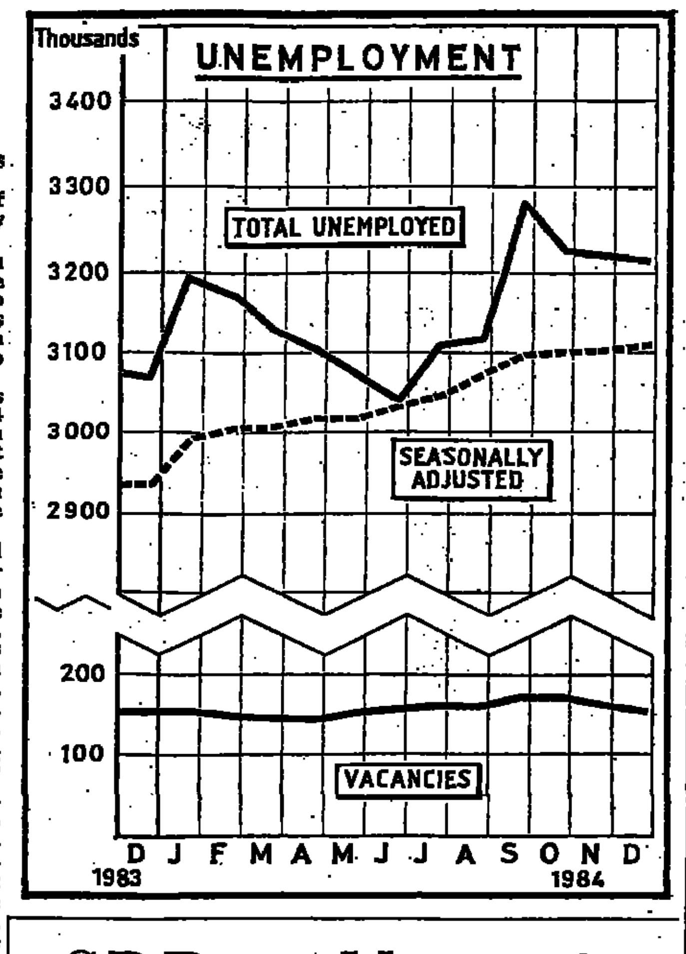
Britain's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 12·9 per cent. compares with Belgium (18·6), Denmark (10·6), France (12·3), West Germany (9·1), Italy (11·0), the Netherlands (17·5), Japan (2·8), Canada (11·5), the United States (7·2), Greece (4·4), Australia (8·6), Austria (4·6), Norway (3·2), Spain (21·5), Sweden (3·2) and an overall average for the E E C of 10·6 per cent.

At the end of November 679,000 people were covered by special employment and training measures and so not included in the unemployment total. Not all these would have been entitled to claim benefit, but it is estimated that the effect is to take 485,000 people off the unemployment figures.

The number in work in the United Kingdom including the Armed Forces and the self-employed was 23,462,000.

December regional unemployment figures.

	Total (unadjusted)	Change since November	Percentage of all employees
South East	766,700	−1·3	9·9
East Anglian	78,100	+0·8	10·3
South West	204,700	+0·9	12·2
West Midlands	347,100	−0·4	15·3
East Midlands	197,200	+1·4	12·5
Yorks & Humber	299,700	−1·2	14·6
North West	446,100	−0·5	16·1
North	257,500	−1·3	18·6
Wales	180,100	+0·4	16·8
Scotland	342,900	−0·3	15·2
Northern Ireland	119,400	−1·6	20·6



HORSE BREEDER LEAVES £788,289

By Our Estates Correspondent

Lt-Col David Edward Hely-Hutchinson, who ran a thoroughbred stud at Orchardstown, Co. Tipperary, from 1946 to 1971, left estate valued at £788,289 net (£839,065 gross) in his will published yesterday. He died in October, aged 73.

The younger son of the 6th Earl of Donoughmore, Col Hely-Hutchinson, of Middlewick, Corsham, Wilts, bred the Coronation Cup winner Nagami and the Cambridgeshire winner Richer. He left his property mostly to relatives.

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B R UNMOVED BY ITALIAN REFUND

By Our Transport Correspondent

British Rail has no plans to emulate Italian Railways, which now allows supplement-paying travellers on expresses to apply for a rebate if the train is an hour or more late.

"Under our conditions of carriage we undertake to carry people between the two points named on their ticket, but we do not say when," said a B R spokesman.

SDP unable to win TV cover guarantee

By VALERIE ELLIOTT Political Staff

IF the S D P win their case in the High Court later this month in their fight for as much time on television news programmes as the Conservative and Labour parties, the television companies will not be legally bound to increase coverage of the Alliance parties.

The point at issue is whether it is in the remit of the Broadcasting Complaints Commission to take up the complaint of "unfair and unjust treatment" of the Alliance parties in television news coverage.

This is the technical issue being contested in the High Court, and the best result the S D P can hope for is for the court to sum up that it would be in the public interest for the Commission to examine such a complaint, given the level of support for the Alliance parties in the country, as reflected in votes cast at the General Election last year and by elections since then.

Refusal challenged

The action stems from the response made by the Commission to complaints made by Dr Owen on the unfair level of coverage. It argues that it is not within its remit to take up such a complaint. Dr Owen challenged this refusal last year.

Even if the Commission agrees to discuss the complaint, it cannot force television news programmes to allot a percentage of coverage to the Alliance parties.

The S D P, however, believes that, if the Commission were to discuss their complaints, it would at least show some recognition of the problem and possibly raise some questions on how television news programmes assess how their programmes are fair and balanced.

Political coverage on radio and television news bulletins is only formally examined for fairness and balance of coverage during the run-up to an election, and also in the allocation of time for political broadcasts throughout the year.

It is known that broadcasting companies monitor the political coverage given to parties but it is done by no formal requirement, and methods of monitoring vary between companies.

NUDE APPROVAL

The official nudist beach at Brighton, first approved in 1979, will continue for at least another two years, the town councillors have decided. But they rejected a plea by naturists to make it a permanent feature. A "modesty bank" of shingle will continue to shield the bathers from Peeping Toms.

DEATHS, IN MEMORIAM

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PARKE.—See SALMONS.

PATTISON.—On Dec. 31, JEAN MARGARET, died after long illness. For many years connected with the Old Vic. A beloved friend and staunch colleague. Funeral Putney Vale Crematorium, Kingston Road, S.W.15, on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m. No flowers, but donations please to Royal Marsden Hospital, Cancer Fund, Fulham Road, S.W.3. Inquiries to Donald Harris, 43, Wakehurst Road, S.W.11, tel. 01-228 5763.

PHILLIPS.—On Dec. 29, in Townsville, N. Queensland, ANNE EVELYN (née Lovett), aged 54, widow of Colin and devoted mother of Sarah, Elizabeth, Catherine and Thomas.

PLUMER.—On Jan. 3, at home, in West Horsley, Surrey, after a short illness, HARRY, loving husband of Elsie, father of Margaret and grandfather of Mark, Sue and Jon. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, West Horsley, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 3.15 p.m., followed by cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead. Flowers and inquiries to James & Thomas, 45, East Lane, West Horsley, Surrey.

REID. — On Dec. 31, 1984, at Lourdes Hospital, JESSIE, aged 73 years, widow of ANDREW MCKIE REID, [illegible] Liverpool. No flowers or letters, please, [illegible] donations to the Leonard Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick (Bulldino Fund), Springwood Avenue, Liverpool. Service and cremation at Springwood Crematorium, Liverpool, on [illegible] 7, [illegible] a.m. All inquiries to Pearson Collinson, funeral [illegible] road, Liverpool 18. Tel. 051-722 1514.

RICHES.—On Jan. 1, 1985, FRANK, beloved husband of Ellen. Cremation at Golders Green, 11.30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1985. Family flowers only to Chapel of Rest, Leverton's, 23, Brent Street, Hendon, N.W.4. If desired, donations to Huntington's Chorea, c/o 46, Chandos Avenue, London N20 9DX.

RIVIERE.—On Jan. 2, at his home, The Drey, Paice Lane, Medstead, near Alton, Hants, RAYMOND BRITON RIVIERE, aged 76 years. Funeral to be at Medstead Church on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 2 p.m. No flowers by request, but in memory donations may be sent to the International League for the Protection of Horses, c/o Kemp & Stevens, 93, High Street, Alton, Hants.

ROBERTSON.—On Dec. 30, 1984, at Axminster Hospital, LILIAN MAY, aged 95, widow of Colonel CHARLES LONSDALE ROBERTSON, R.E. Requiem Mass at St Mary's Church, Lyme Road, Axminster, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1985, at 10.30 a.m. Though she loved flowers, she would also have liked donations to [illegible] c/o W. G. Potter & Son, 1, West Street, Axminster.

ROBINSON. — On Dec. 30, 1984, suddenly and easily, at home, MARGARET NANCY, beloved and loving wife of Hugh and mother of Sally, Dickon, and Jill. Funeral at Warblington Church, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 2.30 p.m.

SALMONS.—On Christmas Eve, in her 100th year, KATHLEEN ANNE, of the Walled Garden Cottage, Market Overton, Rutland, beloved wife of the late GEORGE SALMONS of Tickford House, Newport Pagnell, and last surviving child (of 12) of Edward and Harriet Parke of Stratford-upon-Avon and Newtown, Montgomeryshire. Very dearly loved by Kathleen, Stephen and John and by all her nephews, nieces and their families by whom she will be very greatly missed. May she rest in peace. Family funeral took place in Market Overton on Dec. 28.

SCHNELLMANN. — On Jan. 1, 1985, GUSTAV ANTHONY, aged 72, beloved husband of Mary. Service at Golders Green Crematorium at 2.50 p.m. on Jan. 9, 1985. Family flowers only. If desired, donations to I. M. M. Benevolent Fund. Inquiries James Cook Ltd, tel. 01-624 2283.

SEARS.—On Jan. 2, peacefully at her home, in Liss, Hants, MARY (Bebe), wife of Captain H. F. SEARS, R.N.(Retd), mother of Peter and David, grandmother of David, Eileen, Michael, Robert, Nicola and Camilla and dear friend of Dorrie Lyon. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 12.30 p.m. Family flowers only to Gould & Chapman Ltd, Grayshott. Donations if desired to White Eagle Lodge, Jubilee Fund or the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

SHORT.—On Jan. 1, 1985, after a short illness, DIANA SHORT, of Lindfield, Sussex, beloved wife of John and dearly loved daughter of Mrs Evelyn Bird. Funeral service at Downs Crematorium, Brighton, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 10.30 a.m. Inquiries to R. D. Tribe Ltd, tel. Shoreham 2169.

SHRIGLEY.—On Dec. 26, 1984, at Upton Hospital, Slough, GEORGE FREDERICK, of Weybridge, Surrey. Service at Woking St John's Crematorium on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 12 noon. Inquiries to Fredk. W. Chitty & Co., Ltd, Weybridge 42280.

SIMPSON.—On Jan. 2, 1985, at home, MURRAY MUNDELL, dearly loved husband of Thora, loving father of Ian and Hilary and a much loved grandad. Service at St Mary's Church, Winterborne Stickland, near Blandford, Dorset, on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 2 p.m. No flowers please. Donations if desired to St Mary's Church Organ Repair Fund. All inquiries to David R. Cherrett, F/D, 10, Market Place, Blandford, Dorset.

SMITH.—On Jan. 3, peacefully at her home in Port Talbot, ELVA EMILY (née Dechis), aged 84 years, widow of Jack, sister of Iris, beloved mother of David and the late Frank and grandmother of Bryony, Adam and Cameron. Private cremation, no flowers.

SPOORS. — On Dec. 30, 1984, peacefully and not in pain, MARGARET JOAN, aged 67 years, of 11, Cottage Lane, Macclesfield, Cheshire, retired from the W.R.A.F. in 1972 having served for 31 years, the dear friend of Flora and beloved by relatives and the many friends and neighbours who knew her. Cremation at Macclesfield Crematorium on Monday, Jan. 7, 1985, at 12.30 p.m. Flowers, or if preferred donations to Ward 14, West Park Hospital, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

STAFF. — On New Year's Eve, peacefully faded away in his 98th year, in the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, Major HARRY J. STAFF, M.S.M., late Essex Regiment. Funeral service Friday, Jan. 11, 11.15 a.m., at South London Crematorium, Rowan Road, Streatham. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to Essex Regiment Chapel Fund, Royal Anglian Regiment (Essex), Eagle Way, Brentwood, Essex.

STEEDMAN.—On Dec. 30, 1984, suddenly at her home at Scraptoft, Leicestershire, JOAN STEEDMAN, aged 66 years, wife of the late John Lawrence and dear mother of Janet and Jennifer and grandmother of Nicholas and Dimitris, Eileen, Alexei and Asher. Funeral service at All Saints' Church, Scraptoft, Leics, on Monday, Jan. 7, at 9.45 a.m., interment following in the churchyard. All flowers and further inquiries to Ginns & Gutteridge Ltd., funeral directors of Leicester, tel. (0533) 56117.

STEVENSON.—On Jan. 2, peacefully at home, DERECK WYATT STEVENSON, aged 71, husband of Joyce. Cremation on Wednesday, Jan. 9. Inquiries to Chalcraft Bros, Steyning.

SWAN.—On Dec. 28, 1984, at home, BERYL SWAN, of Ringwood Avenue, Redhill. Funeral service on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 2 p.m., The Chapel, Stoneman Funeral Services, Doran Court, Redhill, Surrey, to which address flowers may be sent if desired.

TAIT.—On Jan. 2, 1985, peacefully in Edinburgh, in her 100th year, WINIFRED FLORENCE, beloved wife of the late HAROLD TWEEDALE TAIT, and mother of Hilary, Marjorie (died 1977) and Monica, and much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Service at Pentland Chapel, Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh, at 2.15 p.m., on Monday, Jan. 7. Family flowers only, but donations would be appreciated to Help the Aged, 1, Sekforde Street, London E.C.1.

TAMLYN.—On Dec. 30, in Cardiff, HILDA MAY, aged 93 years, wife of the late JOHN REGINALD TAMLYN, mother of Meriel and Michael. Funeral service at Ceasar Jones Funeral Home, Pontbach Road, Rhiwbina, on Monday, Jan. 7, at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Thornhill Crematorium, Cardiff. 12.40 p.m. Family flowers only.

TAPPIN.—On Jan. 1, 1985, suddenly, HAROLD ARTHUR, much loved by all his family. Funeral service at Beckenham Crematorium on Jan. 11 at 4 p.m.

TAYLOR.—On New Year's Day, suddenly but peacefully, at his Grantham home, ALBERT, in his 89th year. An Old Contemptible who survived to tell the story of four years' hell and serve his family and country with complete dedication. Deeply mourned by widow Gladys, family and friends. Memorial service at St Wulfram's Church on Monday, Jan. 7, 1985, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations to Lincolnshire Police Welfare Fund, or Chest Heart and Stroke Association, would be a valued tribute.

THOMAS. — On Dec. 23, 1984, peacefully at the Stafford District Hospital, NORA MARGARET, of Woodgate, Milford, Stafford.

THOMPSON. — On Dec. 24, 1984, peacefully in hospital, ANNE ELIZABETH, beloved mother of Dorothy, formerly of W.R.V.S. Headquarters. Cremation quietly on Jan. 4. Donations, if desired, to the Ethiopia Famine Relief Fund.

TOMASZEWSKI. — On Dec. 30, 1984, ALEXANDER, peacefully at home. Family funeral, no flowers please, but donations to U N I C E F.

TOMLINSON.—On Dec. 28, Rev. Funeral at North East Surrey Crematorium, Lower Morden Lane, Morden, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 3.30 p.m.

TRAFFORD.—On Jan. 2, suddenly at Newmarket, JOHN TARLTON LEIGH, of Timsans, Rudgwick, Sussex, beloved son of Brian and Audrey, and beloved brother of David, Judy and Diana. Funeral arrangements will be notified later.

TROOSTWYK.—On Jan. 2, 1985, peacefully after a long illness, HILDA, deeply mourned by her family and friends. Funeral Pound Lane, Willesden, at 2.30 p.m., Jan. 4. No flowers.

WALLACE.—On Dec. 29, 1984, in Newbury District Hospital, after a short illness, NORA JESSIE, aged 83 years. Funeral at the Municipal Cemetery, Shaw, Newbury, on Friday, Jan. 11, at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to Camp Hopson, Funeral Directors, Newbury, tel. 43590.

WALLER.—On Jan. 2, 1985, DOROTHY MARGARET (née Knill, of 23, Summerhill Crescent, Liverton, Devon, beloved and wonderful wife of Jim. Funeral service at Ilsington Parish Church, Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation at Exeter. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation Fund for the Hospice Homes Department 159, Sloane Street, London SW1X 9RF.

WALTHO.—On Jan. 2, peacefully after a long illness Doctor MARGARET WALTHO, of Waldington House Nursing Home. Funeral family only, memorial service at a later date. Donations to Cystic Fibrosis Fund in memory of her would be appreciated. Letters to her sister Elsa Booth, 27, Park Close, Oxford.

WATSON.—On Jan. 2, peacefully at Royal Halifax Infirmary, BROOKE, aged 85 years, of Red Lees, Lindra Road, Mytholmroyd, W. Yorks, dearly loved husband of Molly and much loved father and grandad. Service and cremation Wednesday, Jan. 9, at Park Wood, Elland, at 11.30 a.m. No flowers by request. Donations for Yorkshire Cancer Research Campaign may be sent to Robertshaw Greenwood, funeral directors, New Road, Hebden Bridge. Friends please accept this the only intimation.

WATSON.—On Jan. 3, 1985, peacefully in the Macmillan Unit Christchurch, after a long illness courageously fought, ESTHER, beloved wife of Tom and dear mother of Elaine. No flowers. Inquiries to Tapper Funeral Service, tel. (0202) 673164.

WEBB.—On Dec. 21, suddenly CHARLES JAMES, aged 81, of Knockvarre, Randalstown, dearest husband of Jean and much loved father and grandfather.

WEIR. — On Jan. 2, peacefully, EMILY LAMBERT TITMUS, aged 81 years, wife of the late JOHN WEIR of The Grange, Longmeadow Lode, Cambridge, much loved mother of Marjorie, Robert, David and George. Funeral service at Lode Parish Church, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m., followed by interment Lode Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to Harry Williams & Sons, 9, Victoria Park, Cambridge.

WETHEY.—On Dec. 21, 1984, in Germany, EUGENE RICHARD STUGDON WETHEY, aged 87, dearly loved husband of Christiane and only son of Peter and Joan Wethey, of Villars 1884, Switzerland.

WILKIE.—On Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1985, suddenly at Perth Royal Infirmary, FRANCIS WILKIE, Stronachlachar, Milnab Terrace, Crieff. A very much loved husband of Gwynneth and dear father to Elspeth, Frank and Ian. Funeral private. No flowers or letters, please.

WINTLE.—On Dec. 28, suddenly at her home in Cheltenham, MARY LEA (née Addis), beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. The funeral service took place at Cheltenham Crematorium, on Jan. 3, 1985. If desired, donations in her memory may be sent to Guide Dogs for the Blind, 45, Moorend Road, Cheltenham GL53 0HD.

WOOD-KISSONAS. — On Dec. 14, 1984, suddenly in hospital in Athens, ANN, aged 38, wife of GEORGE KISSONAS of Halandri, daughter of George and Jean Wood, formerly of Northwood, Middlesex, and mother of Dimitris and Nikitas.

WRIGHT.—On Jan. 1, ANDREW NIMMO, formerly of Metropolitan Police, loved and loving husband of Violet Maude and father of Donald. Service at North-East Surrey Crematorium at 4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 10. Family flowers only, but donations would be appreciated to the Scanner Appeal, League of Friends of St Helier Hospital, Carshalton.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

STEINGOLD.—The wife of the late Dr Louis wishes to thank all family and friends for messages of sympathy and contributions sent to the Coronary Unit, London Hospital, Whitechapel.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

KIEK.—A Requiem Eucharist for the late BESSIE OLIVE KIEK, of Cadogan Gardens, S.W.3, will be held at St Peter's Church, Eaton Square, S.W.1, tomorrow (Saturday, Jan. 5, 1985), at 11.30 a.m.

KOHN.—The Memorial Service for the late Dr FREDERICK KOHN will take place on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 12 noon at St John's R.C. Church, South Parade, Bath.

MERMAGEN.—A Service of Thanksgiving for P. H. F. MERMAGEN, T.D., former Head Master of Ipswich School, will be held on Sunday, Jan. 20, at 2.30 p.m. at St Mary le Tower Church, Tower Ramparts, Ipswich, Suffolk.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

DOUIE.—A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mr KENNETH McC. G. DOUIE, Master of the Lower School, St Dunstan's College, 1957-1984, is to be held in Southwark Cathedral on Friday, Jan. 11, 1985, at 2.30 p.m. All pupils, past and present, parents, friends and relations will be most welcome.

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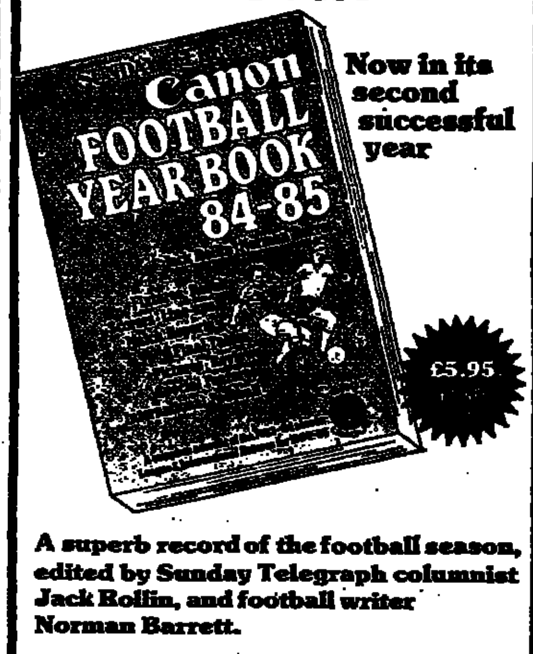

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'A-TEST' JUDGE CRITICISES SECRECY ALIBI

By CHARLES LAURENCE

AN attack on the British government by an Australian judge opened the hearings in London yesterday of the Australian Royal Commission inquiry into the conduct of the atomic weapons test programme of the 1950s.

Mr Justice JAMES MCLELLAND, heading the Royal Commission, cast doubts on the Government's "willingness to co-operate," particularly over requests to open official files for the inquiry.

He also criticised the Government's insistence that British witnesses should be immune from prosecution for perjury by the Australian authorities.

This "gives rise to some misgivings," and suggested that the Government felt that the Commission was "a waste of time."

Mr Justice McLelland, chief judge of the New South Wales Land and Environment Court, also said, in his opening address, that evidence already gathered in Australia indicated that the British authorities responsible for the tests programme from 1952 to 1963 had told the Australians "almost nothing" of what they were doing on "Australian soil."

The Commission was set up last summer to investigate the steps taken to manage the tests and trials sites, the arrangements made to exclude unauthorised personnel from the danger zones, the radiological and health precautions, arrangements to monitor fall-out, and the disposal of contaminated buildings and equipment.

It is expected to report to the Australian Federal Government in June.

The judge said the success of the London session would depend largely on the degree of co-operation from the Government. Doubts remained despite repeated assurances of willingnes sto co-operate.

It was only within the last few weeks, he said, that the British Government had even agreed to be represented at the hearings.

Dragging its feet

"There are grounds for believing that this decision was taken reluctantly and only after the Commission had publicly suggested that the British Government was dragging its feet."

Secrecy had always been a "convenient alibi" for failure of disclosure, but the judge mocked that excuse by suggesting that "it is hard to believe that Britain is in possession of any atomic secrets unkonwn to the great nuclear powers."

Availability of documents from the time of the tests, of which they are said to be 38 tons stored at Aldermaston, is at the heart of the controversy.

Mr PETER MCCLELLAN, counsel to the Commission, said evidence had already been heard that the Australians had been "kept in the dark" by the British and that they needed more documentary evidence on the allocation of responsibility for planning and control of the tests and on the nature and effectiveness of the security precautions.

Mr JEFF EAMES, counsel for the Australian Aborigines, who claim to have suffered long-term effects from the explosions, complained that despite promises of documents six months ago, he had recently been told that the files "still had 30 years of rich dust on them."

Security interests

Mr ROBIN AULD, Q C, representing the British Government, said he could offer the fullest co-operation, subject only to security interests and treaty obligations.

The problem with the documents was that there were so many of them: they occupied 38,000ft of shelf space.

It would help, he said, if the Commission could indicate what documents it wanted, and he offered classified material if he could agree with the Commission on "a manner of confidential treatment."

The hearings started yesterday with evidence from British veterans of the tests.

There were two principal sits for the test explosions: the Montebello Islands of Western Australia, and the desert site at Maralinga in South Australia.

Mr JOHN BERRY, of Palermo Road, Brent, was drafted into the Navy for his National Service in 1955 and subsequently witnessed the Mosaic One and Two blasts on the Montebello islands.

The second explosion, he said, had been at least six times the size of the first and there had been talk at the time that what was being tested was the atomic detonator for a hydrogen bomb.

As assistant to the trials manager, he had spent some time in the islands after the blasts, and was taken ill with pains in the chest and swollen feet, injuries subsequently attributed to radiation.

He said no safety equipment had been issued and he had never been told about a medical centre with scrubbing-down facilities which, according to Mr Auld, had been set up on a beach.

Although he knew that batteries for geiger counters were on board his ship—they were thrown overboard on the way home to make space for stores—he said that he never saw a geiger counter in use at the site. Instead, the servicemen were issued with a film-badge, a crude device, to indicate gamma radiation.

He told the Commission that a Naval party had discovered the body of a fisherman, thought to be Japanese, and his boat on one of the islands after the explosion.

Mr GORDON WILSON, of Ingrove, Hull, had joined the Royal Engineers as a regular in 1956 and his first posting after training was to the test site at Maralinga.

One of his jobs there had been putting up "keep out" signs, although several tests had already been carried out. These signs were in English only, unintelligible to the Aborigines, now known to have been in the area.

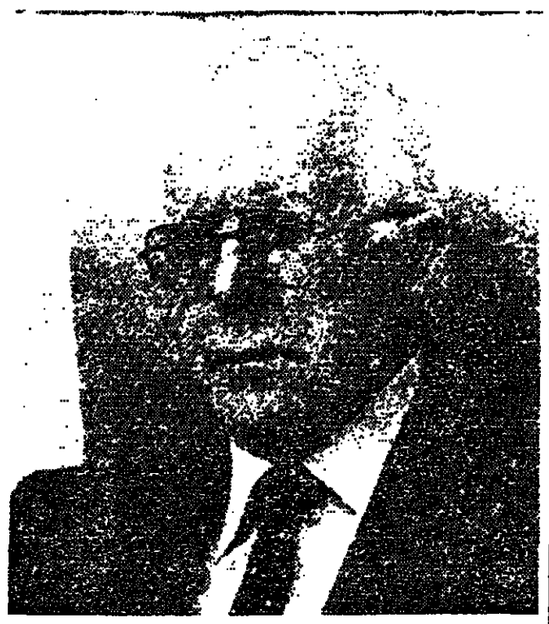
He said restrictions on movement around and into the test zone were minimal. Bored by the "outback," he and some friends had taken to hunting dingos, an Australian wild dog, and frequently went into the prohibited zone.

Mr Wilson said he came across thre Aboriginals in a makeshift camp about three miles outside the "yellow" danger zone. They taught him how to lay traps for the dogs.

"They said they had seen this great light and were obviously fearful of it.

"I was not concerned when we saw them: we were ignorant of the danger ourselves."

The hearings were adjourned until today.



Mr Justice McLelland presiding over the opening of the Australian Royal Commission into the atomic tests of the 1950's.

PLANNER CLEARED OF BLAME

A LEADING town planner who was last year reprimanded for spending £2 million too much in his department, has now been cleared of all blame.

Mr Ewart Parkinson, Director of Environment for South Glamorgan County Council, was held responsible after auditors discovered the overspending.

But yesterday it was announced that a special appeals committee had unanimously agreed to set aside the reprimand and restore a cut which had been ordered in his £25,000-a-year salary.

Mr Parkinson, who is to retire early on grounds of ill health, said: "I have been advised by my doctor to retire. I have not been well for some time. But I did not want to go with this cloud hanging over me."

Mr Parkinson, a former president of the Royal Town Planning Institute, was held not to be directly involved in the overspend, which was mainly on road maintenance. There was never any suggestion of misappropriation.

In 10 years as director in South Glamorgan and previously as Planning Officer for Cardiff he masterminded the redevelopment of Cardiff city centre

DISEASE KILLS TWO

Two middle-aged men died of Legionnaire's disease at Arrowe Park Hospital, Birkenhead, Merseyside, during the holiday period, it was disclosed yesterday. It is not *known how they contracted* the disease.

Benefit changes 'would hit elderly people in nursing homes'

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

MANY elderly people who need looking after in residential or nursing homes will not be able to pay the fees if the Government goes ahead with proposed changes in supplementary benefit payments, the Association of *Charity Officers said* yesterday.

It added that the only alternative open to many would be to turn to charities for help in paying the fees.

The association, an umbrella body representing 164 welfare charities, said: "We do not consider this to be right."

Its comments are in response to proposals by the D H S S to limit the soaring cost of supplementary benefit payments to people who live in hostels, residential care and nursing homes.

Part of the proposals are intended to overcome the "Costa del Dole" scandal in which scroungers have been able to stay in seaside hostels and boarding houses at public expense on social security.

But the proposals will also affect the elderly or handicapped who live in nursing homes or homes providing residential care.

These homes currently charge anything from £51 to £295 a week and the fees are met by social security for those unable to pay.

Realistic levels

The Government believes that some homes have been setting their fees at levels which the owners know social security will meet rather than at realistic levels which reflect true running costs.

It is therefore proposing to limit payments to a range of between £90 and £120 a week for residential homes for old people with a further £28·60 a week for nursing homes.

The top fee which a nursing home would be able to charge, knowing that residents would be able to claim the money from social security, would be £148·60 a week.

The Association of Charity Officers says in its submission *to the D H S S that the Government* proposals are not well founded and show signs of having been produced too quickly.

It says the average amount of benefit paid in relation to the type of care provided in residential and nursing homes is still reasonable in relation to the running costs of such homes.

"While appreciating that a number of individuals are exploiting the present regulations, the association is generally opposed to the proposals.

"If the limits proposed are those finally brought into force, many people who need care whether residential or nursing will not receive sufficient help with fees, which will have to be met by charities and others."

If reasonable and realistic *charges are accepted, top* limits for homes providing residential care should be £130 a week, rising to £180 where a resident has a physical or mental disability and up to £210 a week for nursing care.

It adds: "While accepting that unnecessary expenditure should be curbed, the association cannot agree that the specific proposals (by the D H S S) will not affect those in greatest need or those in need of care and attention.

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Weekend Food

Shopping starts again with difficulty

By BRENDA PARRY

THE Christmas festivities over and the leftovers well and truly stewed, sautéed and made into a variety of soups, the round of shopping and finding something different begins again.

It is a difficult time of year to be original with meals as everyone has used all their favourite recipes over Christmas. But home-made soups, and winter casseroles can be served in many different ways and need not be expensive.

Perhaps after all the poultry, beef and pork that has been served over Christmas, you might be tempted by some fresh fish. There may be little from north of the border this weekend, but there is some excellent south coast cod *in the* shops at around £1·80 and excellent quality mussels at about 50p a pint.

Enormous saving

While sales may not appeal if you have been busy doing all the Christmas shopping for a family, it would be well worth getting all the details of the sale items in Harrods food halls. Meat packs are particularly good buys.

You can choose from small freezer packs of for example six shoulders of English or Welsh lamb at 84p lb or perhaps what the store describes as a freezer pack for two busy people which includes rump steak, braising steak, roasting beef, legs of lamb, veal, pork, sausages and chops amounting to about 38lbs of meat at just £1·80 lb, an enormous saving on normal prices.

The store has also cut prices on jams, biscuits, pates and even Christmas puddings, which will happily store until next Christmas.

Vegetable and fruit supplies are still good if slightly more expensive than before Christmas with mushrooms one of your best buys at the greengrocer. They are ideal for rich soups and go beautifully with smoked bacon. Danish bacon prices are poised to drop by at least 4p lb over the next few weeks.

Meat prices are fairly stable, although watch out for sharp rises in the cost of stewing meats if the cold weather continues.

It is probably a good time to try offal, liver, kidneys or heart, all at around £1 lb or perhaps oxtail which makes excellent soups and stew also at about £1 lb for a good tail.

Avocados are still cheap and plentiful and the citrus fruits seem to be getting better each week.

Best buys

This week's best buys:

SAINSBURY: Fresh minced beef, 82p lb; 800g own-brand wheatmeal sliced loaf, 36p; mild English Cheddar, £1·09 lb; 300g own-brand rich tea biscuits, 24p; own-brand economy sausages, 65p lb.

TESCO: 24 red Oxo cubes, 66p; 3 own-brand steak and kidney pies, 65p; own-brand pork and beef sausages, 49p; 500g own-brand Sunflower margarine, 65p; Carmel avocadoes, 26p.

BEJAM: 4 x 1 litre own-brand orange juice, £1·84; 220 own-brand teabags, £1·85; 5 lb own-brand garden peas, £1·48; 80 Bird's Eye cod fishfingers, £3·39; Wall's Vienetta, 85p.

MORRISONS: 10·6 oz Smedley marrowfat peas, 8p; 12oz Union corned beef, 69p; 10 Bird's Eye value beefburgers, 89p; 18 Goldenlay eggs, 98p.

MARKS AND SPENCER: 15¾ oz bread-and-butter pudding, 99p; packet soups to make 1½ pints French onion, asparagus, minestrone or chicken noodle, 20p.

BRITISH HOME STORES: Rump steak, £2·59 lb; English mature cheddar, £1·29 lb; 8 oz pot cottage cheese, 55p; large minced beef pies, 72p each.

HARRODS: Own-brand jams, 80-85p jar; marmalades, 90p; packs of Saxby's puff, short and wholemeal pastry, £1·85; half York hams, £16·50.

The cost of this week's shopping basket of 25 basic items. (The Cardiff figure is exaggerated because one fo the shops we use there was closed when we collected prices on Wednesday.)

Bournemouth	£20·88½	+ 28
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Hung-up on plain Jane

The Life of Jane Austen. By John Halperin. (Harvester. £25.)

BETWEEN a good biographer and his subject there must always, surely, be a certain empathy, an element of admiration and understanding. In the case of John Halperin's biography of Jane Austen the motive, one cannot help feeling, is rather different.

He seems to have been driven more by annoyance at the adulation she has posthumously enjoyed than by any fresh insight into the nature of her achievement. And Jane Austen's gift for laughing at human absurdities is something of which he plainly disapproves.

This is not to say that his account of her, both as a person and a writer, is not (probably) more detailed than any previous biography, since it advances, step by step, through her private life, interwoven with her achievement as a writer. But the general tone of his approach is one of personal denigration.

The general (adulatory) view of Jane Austen, he would have us believe, is mistaken. All that wit and gaiety and satire in her novels, all the amusing charm of Jane Austen as sister and aunt in her 18th-century setting of village and parsonage, needs looking at again with a sharper eye. There is "a certain old-maidish waspishness about her," something that the family, in their loyal memoirs, wished to conceal.

To be fair to our American professor I cannot do better than quote a few of the phrases that crop up continually throughout his densely packed text. There is a "sneer" in her work, from as early as the childish Juvenilia. She also "snarls." He makes a nit-picking journey through the letters which he finds "malicious enough, and cynical." She was "frequently malicious and nasty"; there is "her obvious moodiness, her occasional bad temper, her inclination towards sarcasm, cynicism and harsh

Margaret Lane

judgment of others . . . In principle, in theory, she was all kindness; in practice, something less."

Dark hints are built on the fact that none of Jane Austen's brothers, with one exception, named their daughters after her. This, we are told, may illuminate for us "how 'difficult' the novelist really was, and how uncongenial some of her brothers may have found her" . . . Jane Austen's cold-hearted nastiness had its periods of remission, but it seems always to have been there, just below the surface."

Professor Halperin seems to have something of a hang-up about his subject, suggested by his apparent reluctance to use her name. She is more frequently referred to impersonally as "the novelist"—"the novelist this," and "the novelist that," and so on, as often as five times in a single paragraph.

He is impatient of the Jane Austen in the memoirs written about her by members of her own family—the devoted relationship with her sister Cassandra, her happy touch with her many nephews and nieces, her gift for promoting fun and creative gaiety within the family circle. All this he sees as a sort of false canonisation for the sake of her reputation with posterity.

Of course he is right to stress the fact that in Jane Austen's day spinsterhood, for a woman of slender means, was an unlucky fate. It may be true that Jane suffered long periods of frustration and depression (these would certainly account for the unsettled and uncreative years between her two trilogies of novels) but that she became harsh and embittered in her late thirties seems a preposterous suggestion. A harsh and embittered *persona* does not produce the delicious spirit and fun that we find in "Emma", or the tenderness of feeling that runs like a hidden stream under the whole story of "Persuasion."

Nor, if we are considering Jane Austen's inimitable wit and talent, do we have to suppose that every character in her novels had its living counterpart. She possessed imagination, surely, to invent? So do we really have to swallow Professor Halperin's theory that dear Mr Woodhouse "is probably a male version of Mrs Austen"—the novelist's mother—"though no-one," as he modestly observes "has noticed this before."

"Rarely," he tells us, "could she mention her mother without a hint of asperity or ridicule," and he even sees Lady Bertram, enveloped in shawls on her sofa with her pampered Pug, as another version of "mother-hatred." (Mrs Austen was more often seen digging in the garden in old clothes, or busy with her needlework.) I am afraid my patience with the professor runs out at this point.

And unaccustomed as I am to nit-picking, it should perhaps be mentioned that the jewellery cross given by William Price to his sister Fanny in "Mansfield Park", described in the caption to an illustration as topaz, was, in fact, amber. Still, no doubt an academic audience of thesis-writers will find the book rewarding.

Stylists in season

By Charles Clover

Automatic Vaudeville: Essays on Star Turns. By John Lahr. (Heinemann. £8·95.)

JOHN LAHR is a snappy writer; snappy, that is, in turn of phrase and once in a while in tone. An American living in London who has acquired certain English literary habits, Mr Lahr does not have, say, Tom Wolfe's knack for overblown rhetorical polemic.

He has instead a style which vacillates about everything and is for ever pushing towards aphorism, trying to stand the world on the point of a needle. The style of "Automatic Vaudeville," a collection of essays on literary and show-business "stars," starts off impressive and ends up intrusive.

In the essay on Stephen Sondheim, for example, Mr Lahr observes: "Mockery is disillusion in action." So far so good. In the essay on Noël Coward, however, we have "Frivolity, which is scepticism on holiday." And in the essay on Woody Allen he observes "Parody is scepticism carried out." Mr Lahr's style, though neat, can on occasion be a little too much.

Though the book is subtitled "Essays on Star Turns," what it is really about is style. Mr Lahr anatomises high and low forms of stylist: Sondheim, Coward, Sam Shepard, Leiber and Stoller, Dame Edna Everage, Eugene O'Neill, Woody Allen, the Beatles, Joe Orton (of whom Mr Lahr is the acclaimed biographer), Hunter Thompson and the husband and wife team, Joan Didion and John Gregory Dunne—for whom Mr Lahr reserves special hatred.

Much of the book—the pop stuff and Dame Edna especially—shares the recurrent problem of all recycled journalism: generalities which shine on the spur of the moment but look threadbare between hard covers.

Some of Mr Lahr's essays are introductions rather than criticism, which tell us elegantly what we already know, spiced with the occasional dissident opinion.

Mr Lahr's most valuable theme is how styles reflect the nature of their times. Sondheim's, for him, matches the spiritual pall that has fallen over American life from My Lai to El Salvador. Woody Allen in trying to be serious about his New York neurotics has succeeded in being neither serious nor funny. Hunter Thompson's legendary drug habit appeals to "an age seduced by those who destroy themselves for meaning."

Mr Lahr has a down on fame and on modern America. And on the value most prized by that society, celebrity. He quotes Eugene O'Neill on America: "We are the greatest example of 'For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul'."

He detects in Walt Whitman and in O'Neill early precedents of the "psychopathic style" which has crept into American life and art — whether Gary Gilmore's media execution or Norman Mailer's pre-arranged chronicle of the event. Rising to anger, he despises Joan Didion's fascinated record of the body dumps of El Salvador and hates her evasive diagnosis of political "confusion". (Mr Lahr would rather she sided unequivocally with the rebels.)

Above all he hates a society which worships a false god, fame, and which "standardises the goals and measures of achievement". Amen to that. Mr Lahr is best when he is writing about America.

OF DOGS AND DIGS

By Robin Page

Disclosing the Past. By Mary Leakey. (Weidenfeld. £12·95.)

IT IS a great pity that Richard Leakey, the anthropologist son of famous anthropologist parents, published his autobiography last year. If he had waited, he would have learnt how autobiographies should be written.

More importantly, he would have learned this from his mother Mary Leakey. Her life story, "Disclosing the Past," is everything Richard's is not — informative, interesting and amusing, and a book that will fascinate both the expert and the layman.

Like so many people of her generation Mrs Leakey's prominence has not grown from privilege or academic training, but from the persistence and resilience of a very gifted woman. She was conceived on a houseboat on the Nile, but born in London, where she stayed only briefly. Her father was Erskine Nicol, a painter with the same name as his more famous father, and her mother, Cecilia Frere, was a relation of John Frere, the notable archaeologist.

The family travelled abroad during the winters, allowing Erskine Nicol to paint, returning each summer for him to sell his work. Because of this Mary had no proper schooling as she was always on the move. On her father's death, when she was 15, her mother tried to get her formally educated, but she was quickly expelled from two convent schools.

At one, not only did she deliberately cause an explosion during a chemistry lesson, but she ate soap to simulate a fit. Despite passing no exams, her mother still tried to get her into Oxford University, with no success—although in 1981 she was invited back to receive an honorary degree.

At about this time she became involved with her life's two obsessions: Dalmation dogs—her first one was called Jorrocks—and archaeology. She visited Stonehenge and went to lectures on archaeology and geology given by Sir Mortimer Wheeler. Her interest led her to digs in St Albans and Devon, and because of her artistic skill she was asked to illustrate a book for Dr Gertrude Caton-Thompson.

This in turn led Louis Leakey to ask her to illustrate his book "Adam's Ancestors." They fell in love and their personal and professional partnership has since become a legend.

Unfortunately, he was already married and their relationship caused many problems. For instance, while living in the Hertfordshire village of Nasty, Louis was even expelled from the Ware Tennis Club. If such a practice was followed today, few tennis clubs would have a very large membership.

On her first visit to Africa in 1935 Mary was quickly snared by its beauty—Serengeti, Kilimanjaro and Olduvai. Consequently when it became possible to work for many months in Kenya and Tanzania, the Leakeys jumped at the opportunity to make their permanent home in Nairobi.

Their excavations at Olduvai and Laetoli were of great importance in tracing Man's early ancestors and life at the various camps was made more colourful by a succession of pets—an eagle owl, genets, wildebeest calves and even snakes. Indeed her son Jonathan founded the Nairobi snake park—a place no tourist should visit if easily frightened.

Mrs Leakey also founded the Dalmatian Club of East Africa and soon after visiting Olduvai one day, a tourist reported that he had seen a strange group of black and white wild animals.

After the death of Louis in 1972 Mary continued the work and made possibly her most important find, hominid footprints 3½ million years old. She also continued her love of dogs, wildlife and African art.

Resisting the Gestapo

By Michael Maxwell-Scott

WITOLD SAGAJLLO, a sometime Polish naval officer, begins his wartime chronicle, "*Man in the Middle*" (Leo Cooper/Secker, £9·95) with an encounter involving six white waddling ducks at a level crossing in the provincial town of Ostrowiec in May, 1941.

This in fact was his pre-arranged introduction to the local underground Resistance which he was to command. Mr Sagajllo, a man of vigorous audacity, learnt to live and work clandestinely under the noses of the Gestapo and their allies the gendarmerie.

He became a most resourceful underground fighter evading the enemy but on the best of terms with his "safe house" keepers, and with the well-to-do giving their fine-sounding house parties in the Polish forests. This at a time when plundering Polish communist groups, led by Russians or Ukrainians, were becoming increasingly active.

But perhaps the author's worst problem were the Blimpish colonels, especially the *anciens militaires* such as the idiot who in 1943 ordered him to throw 200 men with only 45 rifles against a force of 3,000 Germans heavily armed with machine guns and artillery. "Remember," he was told, "if there are not many rifles there are always flails and scythes."

Two soldiers of the Imperial Guard are extinguishing unpopular Bourbon officers in this anonymous 1815 print depicting the return of Napoleon from Elba. It comes from "**Pillars of Monarchy**" (Quartet, £18·50). Philip Mansel's fascinating survey of the royal guards of Europe from 1400 to the present.

Partition with tears

By Lord Beloff

Partition in Ireland, India and Palestine: Theory and Practice. By T. G. Fraser. (Macmillan. £22·50.)

PARTITION has at times been the solution to the intractable problem of the transfer of power in a post-imperial situation. In attempting a comparative study of this theme T. G. Fraser has wisely concentrated on three indubitable cases of this kind, ignoring situations in which partition has been imposed through a balance between external forces, as in Germany, Korea or for a time Vietnam.

His method is to reconstruct patiently the actual way in which the decisions were arrived at and the nature of the pressures that prevented the maintenance of unity which the imperial power would in each case have preferred. It is gratifying to find a scholar who can speak with equal authority and depth of learning in dealing with countries so widely separate, and who can maintain a balance in dealing with events around which national mythologies have been built.

The only criticism might be that in so expensive a book for its length, the maps are not fully adequate. In particular, when the counties of Ulster play so large a part in the story, their absence from the relevant map is difficult to explain, though perhaps a native of the province finds this hard to appreciate.

Yet the Ulster map does illustrate what the text of all three sections of the book so amply reveals, namely that the difficulty about partition as a remedy for national or religious rivalries and suspicions is that the patterns of settlement never coincide with any possible boundary line. Indeed both Sir James Craig, as he was then, and Jinnah had to choose whether or not to make sacrifices of autonomy for a still wider definition of Northern Ireland and Pakistan respectively; both in the end chose the more limited version as the stronger base. But even so Pakistan could not be wholly Islamic, and the lines drawn left many of the sub-continent's Moslems outside its borders.

As for Ulster, we still live with the consequences of the pull exerted on the minority community by a different political tradition. And while the Zionists, both at the time of the Peel commission and after the war, preferred partition to any unitary solution which would have left them as a minority, they proved in government able to cope with a minority diminished in size by flight. Israel's subsequent expansion has raised all the difficulties which a nine-counties Ulster or a Pakistan, including an undivided Punjab and an undivided Bengal, would no doubt have had to face.

Pakistan, faced with the additional problem of lack of geographical continuity, was not even able to hold on to the minimum which Jinnah's intransigence forced the British and Congress to concede — the birth of Bangladesh was in a sense a second partition. Nor can we be certain that finality has been reached. It is worth being reminded that a United Bengal, separate from both India and Pakistan, was mooted by some Bengalis at the time.

If secular questions of language and economics were ever to take precedence over religion as political factors, can one be sure that a United Bengal is beyond the realm of possibility? Even more topical — though Dr Fraser can hardly have foreseen this when the book went to press — is his reminder that for some Sikhs, "Khalistan" was also on the agenda in the run up to Indian and Pakistani independence.

In all three cases, the British government's original point of view proved to have taken too little account of the weakness of arguments based upon self-interest as perceived in Whitehall. In each case the fear of being overwhelmed by an alien majority when the imperial power departed proved stronger than the economic argument. Not a book for the optimist; but revealing none the less.

Ireland's uncrowned king

By Alistair B. Cooke

The Great Dan: a Biography of Daniel O'Connell. By Charles Chenevix Trench. (Cape. £10·95.)

DANIEL O'CONNELL (1775-1847) conducted two momentous political campaigns which for the first time made the masses a real force in public affairs. By comparison Wilkes and the late 18th-century English radicals were rank amateurs.

First of all, he completed the political emancipation of Roman Catholics throughout the British Isles. He saw that polite petitions from the Duke of Norfolk and others would never move the conscience of the unreformed Parliament, which guarded so jealously the "Protestant Constitution of 1688." Parliament succumbed in 1829 when O'Connell brought Ireland to the verge of revolution.

It was all bluff: O'Connell, a Kerry landowner, had a horror of social unrest, which, he was convinced, would cause heads to roll (he was in Paris when Louis XVI lost his). He used the threat of a great social upheaval as a means of extracting specific political changes—an example widely emulated by most left-wing politicians in Britain.

His tactics succeeded completely once, but it was never likely that he would achieve his second great objective — the restoration of the separate Irish Parliament abolished by Pitt in 1801. He kept the cause alive chiefly in order to extort concessions on lesser matters whenever political circumstances were propitious. In the late 1830s, he was in effect the uncrowned king of Ireland with almost complete control over the government's extensive patronage.

The two campaigns are described by Charles Chenevix Trench with a brisk competence marred only by some unhappy phrases ("it was a complete *cock-up*") and *cloying comment* ("in May 1824 they were back in dear old Dublin again"). This is not the type of biography that seeks to penetrate the psychology of its subject. The necessary materials do not really exist. O'Connell wrote only for business reasons, and his love of quarrelling cost him the friends in whom he might have confided. For relaxation he turned mainly to his family, who recalled him only with simple piety.

Some of O'Connell's secrets cannot be uncovered. It remains unclear whether Sir Robert Peel, as Irish Secretary, induced Dublin's crack marksman to challenge O'Connell to a duel in the hope of disposing of the vexatious popular tribune. (If so, the plan miscarried: the marksman missed, O'Connell shot him in the thigh, and he died the next day). Mr Chenevix Trench is also unable to give a firm ruling on the allegations of an Irish actress, who claimed O'Connell had raped her and then disowned their child. Throughout his career he had a lurid reputation: like many other politicians, he found it a distinct asset.

If O'Connell's place in the radical tradition is clear enough, he fits rather uneasily into the Irish nationalist pantheon. He was much more of a British imperialist than most of his English contemporaries, and he doted on the young Queen Victoria. In his later career he became a shrewd realist instead of battling furiously and impotently for self-government. Irish nationalism has been sustained largely by the example set by splendid failures. His successors never forgave him for refusing the martyr's crown.

Denning judged

By Terence Shaw

Lord Denning: the Judge and the Law. Edited by J. L. Jowell and J. P. W. B. McAuslan. (Sweet & Maxwell. £25.)

Landmarks in the Law. By Lord Denning. (Butterworth. £12·50; paperback, £7·50.)

TWO years after his retirement as Master of the Rolls, Lord Denning has been paid the honour of seeing the publication of a detailed and learned assessment of the effects that his 38 years as a judge had on the development of English law.

As Lord Devlin points out in a foreword to "**Lord Denning: the Judge and the Law**" it is unprecendented for a judge to have such a critical review of his work made so close to stepping down from the bench. Few merit such recognition even after their death. But for a judge more inclined to create than to follow precedent and who, in the valedictory words of Lord Hailsham, became a "legend in his lifetime," the tribute seems wholly appropriate.

Seven legal academics examine Lord Denning's remarkable contribution to the development of wide areas of the law including contract and tort, equity and trust, family and administrative law, planning, human rights and labour law. Two others take a wider view in reviewing Lord Denning's role as a jurist and as an influence on Commonwealth law, and Professor R. F. V. Heuston, former Regius Professor of Law at Dublin, provides a perceptive assessment of the man and his times and how in his latter years Lord Denning acquired his fame and deep affection as a populist judge.

While scarcely a book that can expect wide popular readership, this 480-page study provides absorbing material for lawyers, law students and others who are interested in the impact that one outstanding judicial figure can make on the growth of the law.

In his busy retirement Lord Denning himself shows no sign of losing his recent compulsion to write books. "**Landmarks in the Law**" is his sixth book in as many years and follows the now familiar pattern of anecdotes and cases, both old and new, described in the clipped, pithy Denning prose.

Its content ranges from the trials for high treason of Sir Walter Raleigh, Sir Roger Casement and William Joyce, to the Profumo inquiry, with brief glimpses on the way of cases and the law involving slavery, trade unions, murder, freedom of the press, and international terrorism. With his great skill in making complex law and cases digestible, "Landmarks in the Law," like other Denning books, provides some of the best bedside legal reading available.

Recent Fiction

By Stephen Glover

Take What You Want. By Gordon Nimse. (Hale. £7·75.)

Ark for the Uncalled. By Vladimir Maximov. (Quartet. £9·95.)

Wasting Assets. By Tony Palmer. (Malvern Publishing. £5·95.)

Marge. By Kitty Fitzgerald. (Sheba. £6·95; paperback, £3·75.)

GORDON NIMSE must be an ex-army man. Whatever the literary deficiencies of "**Take What You Want,**" he is plainly very much at home with the slang, jargon, acronyms and indeed the feel of army life.

His hero, Capt. Mike Carter, is particularly convincing. After the end of the war in Burma this battle-hardened toughie volunteers for the command of a military police unit. He sets about finding the murderers of an African soldier with a zeal and efficiency which shock his oafish sergeant-major. The culprits turn out to be lefty Burmese nationalists.

But though Carter uses harsh methods, there beats below a pretty decent heart. This is revealed firstly in his encounters with the shapely Ma Ma Lyi and then in his very proper reaction to the spreading corruption in the army, which has greatly benefited his immediate superior.

Mr Nimse may be no sociologist but he has a sense of standards falling apart. One straightbacked general blames the new "politicos" who seem anxious to give away the Empire to the worst people. This novel goes some way towards explaining why the East India and R A C clubs are even now full of men who believe they were sold out after 1945.

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THERE must be moments when non-Russians tire of reading yet again about the Soviet system. But for the émigré Vladimir Maximov post-war Russian society, which he dissects in some detail in "**Ark for the Uncalled,**" obviously remains endlessly fascinating.

His first, perhaps not completely original, purpose is, I think, to show how the Soviet system makes victims even of those who serve it. Stalin crying over Charlie Chaplin films, and terrified that his diary *may be stolen, is not free.* Neither is Fyodor, a young, much decorated soldier *en route* for the far-eastern Kurile islands which are to be developed. Nor is Zolotarev, originally from the same peasant village as Fyodor, who quickly grows disenchanted after he is sent as a high official to run the island.

Mr Maximov's ultimate, and also not wholly original, purpose seems to be to show that the forces of good, and God Himself, have not deserted Mother Russia. They may not be present in the Patriarch, chosen and controlled by Stalin, but they still exist in the hearts of ordinary, and sometimes not so ordinary, men and women.

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PETER is a clean-living, hard-working young engineer who goes down coal mines as part of his work. He meets again, apparently by chance, an old university friend called Sarah after whom he had once lusted in vain. Now she offers to him all of her very considerable charms, but she wants something in return. Poor Peter is expected to plant bombs in various pits.

Sarah is in fact a nasty Trot extremist who, with the help of her mousy lesbian lover Bridget, has entrapped the weak, sexually infatuated Peter. Perhaps the chief moral of the story is to keep away from beautiful Trots. Sarah's purpose is to hold the Government to ransom by forcing the closure of all pits. Whether an essentially normal man (and Tony Palmer emphasises Peter's normality) could be so enslaved may be open to doubt. The action in "**Wasting Assets**" is none the less surprisingly convincing.

Mr Palmer, described in the blurb as a Coal Board senior executive, writes in a high-minded authorial note of the vulnerability of our society. However, several references to the present coal strike, and parallels between some of the characters in the novel and real-life principals, suggest a spirit of strong opportunism.

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THE men who figure in "**Marge**" are not a great advertisement for the male sex. Marge's own father used to sleep with her and bash her mother. Larry, a member of Marge's "encounter group," appears to be a sort of fellow traveller of her Dad. Joe, the lover of Maggie who lives across the road from Marge, is a bully who dares to criticise socialists. Bill Medwynter, Marge's social worker, is simply a groper.

On such a basis, Marge may be forgiven for her dislike of men, even for her plan of revenge, which is aided by the voices in her head. The objection is that there are other men in the world than these four miserable specimens. But Kitty Fitzgerald does not want to confuse the issue. Why run the risk of undermining the validity of Marge's revenge? This is not to say that Miss Fitzgerald would necessarily go as far as Marge.

SIMON BRETT, formerly a B B C producer, has written a number of extremely amusing detective stories with a theatrical background. Alas, "**A Shock to the System**" (Macmillan, £7·50) is quite different, a squalid, not very original tale about a chip-on-the-shoulder executive, who murders his wife and business opponents and is eventually caught. Mr Brett writes well and the narrative is competently constructed, but he seems to believe that this kind of thing is an advance on his previous work. For his own sake and ours he should be told clearly that it isn't.

Martin Russell's "**Censor**" (Crime Club, £6·95) is little more than an anecdote, mildly interesting while it lasts. The narrator, a widower with two grown-up daughters, is the solidly respectable editor of a distinctly downmarket tabloid newspaper. He and his staff are drawn into a murder investigation which ultimately imperils them. Some slight comment is implied about the ethics of the popular press. The hero deserves another, stronger book. A.L.

UNDERCOVER TALES

By Jonathan Cox

FROM the opening pages, in which a mother gives birth to a baby inside a shell-hit building after an air-raid on a German prison camp in France during 1944, to the bloody climax in present-day Washington, Kenneth Royce's "**The Crypto Man**" (Hodder, £8·95) presents the reader with a succession of memorable scenes.

The identity of the child is the key to the book, and there are plenty of questions to be answered in a blackmail plot involving a former cat burglar, a psychotic Frenchman, a Foreign Office Minister, Scotland Yard and the K G B. Even when the mystery seems solved, Mr Royce still has a few surprises up his sleeve. This is a well-constructed thriller, fast-paced and gripping.

Colin Forbes's "**Terminal**" (Collins, £8·95) also wastes no time in capturing the reader's imagination. However, too much can be guessed from the opening — in which a woman wearing only a nightdress is gassed while trying to escape through the snow from a Swiss clinic — so tension is undermined.

There are plenty of thrills, though. As a top British investigative journalist and his fiancée, an American doctor, try to find out just what is going on in the clinic. British Intelligence, an ex-C I A hit-man and the Swiss police each become deeply concerned with the sinister activities of a group of Swiss nationalist fanatics. Not surprisingly, the death-count grows as the story unfolds. This is a disturbing novel but, despite being based on fact, it is not quite convincing enough to join the ranks of first-rate thrillers.

Another journalist is at the centre of "**Ride a Pale Horse**" (Collins, £8·95) by Helen MacInnes. Karen Cornell discovers the biggest story of her career when a top Czech bureaucrat intending to defect to the West gives her some secret documents during a Prague peace convocation.

She soon discovers she is out of her depth in the world of espionage and requires the help of a C I A contact. Their personal relationship develops predictably while the story gets madder and madder. Miss MacInnes's strong point is her unravelling of a complicated plot rather than characterisation. However, this particular tale of disinformation and double-dealing seems a shade too familiar to be engrossing.

In contrast, "**Blood Ties**" by A. J. Quinnell (Hodder, £8·95) has a highly original storyline and finely drawn characters. When a young widow Kirsty Haywood learns her only son is missing, believed dead, in the Indian Ocean, she gives up her job in New York, sells her apartment and goes in search of him, refusing to believe he has died. So begins her great adventure and, although some of her exploits are far-fetched, the story keeps the reader eagerly turning pages.

It is not giving away too much to say that the son is alive, if not well, and that a clue to his mysterious disappearance lies in the book's title.

Ace at the Front

Brief Glory: the Life of Arthur Rhys Davids. By Alex Revell. (Kimber. £10·95.)

LITTLE more than a year after leaving Eton Arthur Rhys Davids, a brilliant classicist and Captain of the School wrote in a letter to his elder sister: "We got our hundredth Hun last night. Great festivities, band, champagne, bust up dinner and speeches. For some curious reason they have given me a D S O. Enorm haste. Best Love. Arthur."

Arthur Rhys Davids, DSO, MC and bar, had reached the pinnacle of his exuberant career as a fighter pilot in 56 Squadron, with a personal score of 27 Huns in only six months. Troubled by a stammer in his early teens, he stammered so badly from excitement after a fight he could not make himself understood.

Highly intelligent, but boyishly reckless, he looked upon his presence in the thick of the fighting over the Western Front in 1917 as a delightful mixture of fact, which was "the tiresome though somewhat amusing war," and imagination. Ticked off for loosening the wings by his furious diving, he told the squadron's engineering officer it was his job to see they stopped on.

Vivid accounts of the aerial dogfights between 56's SE5s and the Boche Albatri—Albatrosses before Arthur joined the squadron—reveal the intensity of his dedication to combat. His love of flying transcended his underlying concern for the deaths of friends and enemies alike. "If one was ever over the Salient in the autumn of 1917 and saw an SE5 fighting like Hell amidst a heap of Huns, one would find nine times out of ten that the SE was flown by Rhys Davids," wrote his fellow fighter ace, James McCudden.

Alex Revell has written a sensitive and deeply moving biography, based on the letters between Arthur and his extremely close-knit, happy and affectionate family, demonstrative in their love for each other.

To his little sister, about to be confirmed, he confided he could walk with God much more easily in a pine wood than a church, and advised her to think as though she were walking arm in arm with God the whole day. She sent him a mascot called Fumsup.

He wrote little to "good old father," and it is the correspondence with his mother that provides such a wonderful insight into the short life of a remarkable man. To his friends, Arthur confided that although he was passionately looking forward to Oxford after the war: "I don't suppose I shall go as I am sure to be killed."

Sadly he outstayed his luck, disappearing from a flight without trace. Letters, full of a mother's anguish, follow the three-month wait for confirmation of his death. Fumsup came back from a pocket, but although Arthur's body was never found he left an appropriate epitaph in a record of a conversation about Jesus and Capt. Albert Ball, V C.

G. S. Cooper

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CINEMA / The year of the film

BRITISH Film Year is upon us. Its desirable aim, with £500,000 worth of Government approval, is to revive the cinema-going habit and to demonstrate at home and abroad the undoubted British talent for film-making.

Ironic that it should arrive as both Government and the industry have failed to agree a structure in the present Films Bill that would provide the foundation for the long-dreamed of national cinema enjoyed by other European countries.

Ironic too that it coincides with a below-inflation increase for 1985-86 to the British Film Institute totalling 4¾ per cent. Though that increase will give the B F I £8,075,000 next year, it is of such generosity that the institute is being forced to consider abandoning its small production arm.

What Government gives to British Film Year, it must take away from someone else.

But British Film Year is not ostensibly about the creation of a national cinema, or about the art of film-making, for which the B F I acts as a repository. "Maybe it should be," says David Puttnam, organiser of national events for Film Year. "But it's not.

"It is about commerce. It is a chance to get one section of the industry which has been lagging behind our success in film production into line."

Puttnam likes to ponder ruefully why his 16-year career in films has corresponded with a fall in annual cinema attendances from 250 million in 1968 to 50 million last year.

Now he believes it is crucial to turn the tide. "Otherwise we may find ourselves in a different business altogether."

To one who has been only too aware of the deep divisions within the business, the discovery that arch-rivals Rank and E M I are actually working together in Film Year has been a revelation.

They are committed, together with Cannon, to spend some £12 million this year in refurbishing their cinemas, which account for about a third of Britain's depleted stock of 642 cinemas with 1,200 screens. At least they are putting money where their mouth is. Plans are even afoot to build new cinemas, an almost revolutionary thought here, though commonplace in the United States where cinema-going still thrives.

Film Year should officially get underway at the end of March with the British premiere of Sir David Lean's "A Passage to India," which along with Roland Joffe's much-praised film, "The Killing Fields," is regarded as a serious contender for an Oscar.

An Oscar or two, while not representing the resurgence of the British film industry, would be invaluable promotional ammunition for the organisers of Film Year.

They would look good in the Film Year pavilion, due to visit 15 cities round the world in conjunction with locally organised seasons of critically acclaimed British films.

They would also buttress Film Year's determination to rejuvenate film-going outside London. A travelling roadshow will visit 25 British cities between April and October, coupled with an education programme designed to involve schools in making film a natural part of the curriculum.

A more visibly concrete achievement in 1985 will be the start, without Government or G L C money, of the B F I's new Museum of the Moving Image, to be built as an extension of the National Film Theatre nestling under Waterloo Bridge.

Preliminary work is due to begin this month on a building that will not only contain and recreate the history of the cinema but will also provide a fourth cinema, a new restaurant, and a more suitable focus for the London Film Festival.

Astonishingly, some £5 million has already been raised from a handful of private donors towards its probable £6 million cost.

It is this sort of achievement against the odds which gives Anthony Smith, the B F I's director, cause for some optimism in 1985.

This year should also see the concentration by the B F I at Berkhamsted of the National Film Archive, now scattered over four sites, and the consequent emergence of "the finest film archive in the world." Also under way is the computerisation of the B F I's data base on film, the world's largest, which should be completed next year.

Against these palpable achievements, Smith foresees, as he struggles to keep his film production board in business, a general falling-off in film production, partly because of rising costs and partly because of the phasing out by the Government of tax incentives — such as the fist year 100 per cent. capital allowance.

Smith looks wistfully across to the international status acquired by our subsidised theatres, which do enjoy continuous and substantial Government support and from which the commercial theatre has benefited.

"If you want a national cinema, it has to be paid for and structured. We have had structures but they were inadequate. We do not have a successful national cinema. We have had a number of individually successful films."

He does not, however, regard the present Films Bill as the utter disaster it is held to be in some film quarters if only because "what is being taken away is so pitiful."

He prefers to see the Bill as the beginning of a national debate to establish exactly what the industry needs in a new spirit of co-operation within the industry.

That debate, now being fuelled by the vigorous opposition to the Films Bill led by the Association of Independent Producers, has created greater cohesion in the notoriously fragmented film business than ever before.

It even brought together the A I P and the British Film and Television Producers Association, which should speak as one but rarely do, together with the Directors' Guild of Great Britain, the B F I, the National Film School and the film technicians' union, the A C T T.

In a joint statement delivered to all M Ps on the Committee stage of the Bill, the six bodies warned that in dismantling the much-praised National Film Finance Corporation and its Eady levy support system, the Government was removing the institutions and fiscal incentives which had made the present success of the film industry possible.

They call for a continuation of the redistributive mechanism with levies on the television showing of films and on blank and prerecorded tapes, the proceeds of which will be used to make British films. They also want to replace the N F F C with a properly independent body rather than the proposed organisation run by Thorn-E M I, Rank, Channel 4 and video interests.

If these demands of a Tory Government seem over-optimistic, it should be remembered that a Tory revolt last month against the Government won a temporary victory in committee on the television levy and that the Government itself has not closed its mind to a tape levy on which a discussion paper is expected soon.

But rather than entertain false hopes of radically altering the Bill, maybe it would be wiser to look further ahead with Anthony Smith and work for long-term reform through the new all-industry advisory body, the new Cinematograph Films Council, being set up by the Government.

Robin Stringer

Leon Greene and Anthony Pearson in "Great Expectations" at the Old Vic.

THEATRE / Great Expectations

A generous helping of Pip

"GREAT Expectations" at the **Old Vic** is a generous helping (5½ hours) of Charles Dickens's pudding. Teeming with grotesque figures and fairytale absurdities in the great mesmerist's manner, it is staged by Peter Coe with a large cast and the resources of both the Birmingham Rep and the Churchill, Bromley.

While in no way rivalling the Royal Shakespeare's imaginative handling of "Nicholas Nickleby," the production plods manfully through a tortuous plot packed with everything you expect: cruelty to children, violent crime, honest peasants, vicious ogres, swarming families, stupefying coincidences and character-reversals, blood-and-thunder speeches . . . all the ingredients of the novelist's suffocating and hallucinatory art.

Peter Rice's drop-in drapes and clever revolving boxes move us non-stop from Kentish village to city office or haunted mansion as we follow Pip, the blacksmith's apprentice and protégé of dotty Miss Havisham, who comes into a mysterious fund which sends him to London to become a gentleman and allows him to aspire to the haughty Estella, trained by Miss H. to torture men.

Ian McCurrach's Pip seems pale and romantic, despite his pinched vowels, but there is little to the character except his momentary snobbishness, instantly cured, towards humble childhood friends. Roy Dotrice seizes his bigger chances as the bountiful jailbird turned plutocrat, Pip's secret benefactor, who burns the lad's patronising gift of pound notes before wringing his soul with the sad story of his life.

Among the scarecrows and Punch-and-Judy-like oddballs along the way I particularly liked Tony Jay's lordly solicitor, Charles Lewson's frenetic clerk who lives in a castle with a cannon, Sheila Burrell's crazed Miss Havisham, Collin Johnson's sprightly Herbert Pocket and the juveniles who played Pip and Herbert as boys, Anthony Pearson and David Ellick.

But this is less a play than a panorama. If it is episodic and sometimes wearisome, it is because Dickens's characters are static. Things happen to them, not within them. They cannot think.

They chatter, they harangue, they trot out the *leitmotiv* phrases which identify them. Hardly ever do they converse, or get locked into a dramatic situation.

Nor has Mr Coe, the adaptor, solved the notorious problem of the ending, when Pip is perfunctorily and inexplicably united with Estella (Lynn Clayton), the cold beauty who has explicitly told him he touches nothing in her heart.

John Barber

TELEVISION / Dora Russell

BERTRAND RUSSELL had four wives; you need to be pretty handy with the reference books to keep up with them. The second, Dora (1921-35), is alive and well and living near Land's End at the age of nearly 91. She became the first woman candidate to be recorded for posterity in John Walker's archival series **The 20th Century Remembered** (B B C-2).

Lady Russell, as I suppose she should still be styled, was a militant feminist and socialist in the formidable bluestocking tradition of the Bloomsbury era. At the time of her marriage she aspired to become first an actress, then a writer (she is now into her third volume of memoirs).

But she realised she would inevitably be overshadowed by her husband's giant reputation. "Competition is the absolute curse of our masculine civilisation," she informed Sally Hardcastle sternly. She settled instead for a campaign to make birth control universally available to the poor. Later she and Russell ran a progressive school.

Like so many upper-crust socialists of her time, Dora appears to have had some difficulty in reconciling her political views with her instinctive class background. She was resolutely opposed to the institution of marriage ("Degrading because it makes women an adjunct to the male") but agreed to marry Bertie for fear of cutting her son off from the Russell title. An ardent champion of "free love," she remained bitter about the break-up of her marriage when Bertie put his own liberal principles into practice.

But her greatest scorn was reserved for "the machine." Technology, far from proving a blessing to mankind, had, she maintained, created "a soulless society."

Remarkably well preserved for her great age, Lady Russell proved an articulate interviewee with strong views on most subjects. Especially on the subject of her famous husband. He was, she said, "sometimes rather silly," as for example in his lukewarm attitude to the Russian revolution: "I don't think he understood it at all."

On the whole I think I would have preferred to keep my memories of the great Morecambe and Wise partnership without the help of Thames's dismal **Night Train To Murder** (I T V).

This was a latter-day attempt at the old-fashioned comedy thriller with all the old fashioned jokes. You want the one about the heavy weight falling just before the victim steps out of the way? We had it twice. Or the villain who keeps changing disguises? Kenneth Haigh got so confused that he was put down in T V TIMES as "Multicharacter." Very, very occasionally the old Eric and Ernie magic peeped out. Mostly it was smothered by the poverty of the setting.

Richard Last

BALLET / The Nutcracker

THE performance by the Festival Ballet on Tuesday night at the **Festival Hall** was a historic occasion for it brought back the ravishing artist Ev Evdokimova after far too long an absence.

For years her performances with the company at a time when it was directed by Beryl Grey and then in the title role of the magnificent production by Peter Schaufuss of "La Sylphide" were invaluable in maintaining the artistic standard of the company.

Now, with Peter Schaufuss as artistic director she has returned: and her dancing in the leading role of Louise in "The Nutcracker" was breathtaking in its lightness, delicacy, elegance and musicality.

These qualities emerging even in the rather banal pas de deux for Louise and Karl inserted by Ronald Hynd in the middle of the ballet blazed out at the end when Evdokimova began to dance the final pas de deux with its magical and intensely musical choreography by Ivanov in this suite of dances where the movements take account of every nuance of the delightful Tchaikovsky music while preserving their own combination of romanticism and classicism she seemed to float over the ground quite unaffected by gravity. At other times she achieved magical effects with subtle changes of pace and beautiful phrasing.

As Karl, Alexander Sombart was not very impressive when dancing on his own and his pirouettes lacked solidity of balance. But his partnering of Evdokimova was admirable —notably in certain passages in which he whirls her around at great speed adapting himself very well to her rhythms, and line.

Fernau Hall

Chinese films

By Our Arts Staff

London's National Film Theatre, which mounted its first retrospective of Chinese cinema in 1980, is showing a much wider-ranging programme of Chinese films this month starting today. It comprises more than 40 films from China's oldest extant fiction film, a slapstick comedy dating from 1922, to the best work of the past year.

Pilobolus Dance

By Our Arts Staff

Pilobolus Dance Theatre, an unusually acrobatic American dance group, returns to Sadler's Wells Theatre, from Jan. 8-12, with a new line-up since its 1978 visit, and a new repertoire to music by Vivaldi, Satie, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman and a collaboration by avant-garde rock stars Brian Eno and David Byrne.

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LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES PROPERTY — DAVID HOPPIT

Capital prices

FOREIGN buyers continued to boost the price of Central London's best residential property during 1984, pushing prices beyond the grasp of all but the most affluent British buyers.

Though price rises slowed during the summer the beginning and end of the year saw a seller's market with, as Victoria Mitchell of Savills says: "Prime property selling fast and furious."

During the first few months of the year prices in the capital rose by about 15 per cent., but Mitchell speaks of "isolated pockets" of property where increases of 50 per cent. were recorded.

As far as the Greater London area was concerned prices rose by an average of 17 per cent., according to the Nationwide Building Society. This compared with a countrywide average of 14 per cent. Britain's average house cost £32,840, whereas that in Greater London cost £43,650.

While there is near-unanimity among London agents on the characteristics of 1984 not all are agreed where the greatest interest came from.

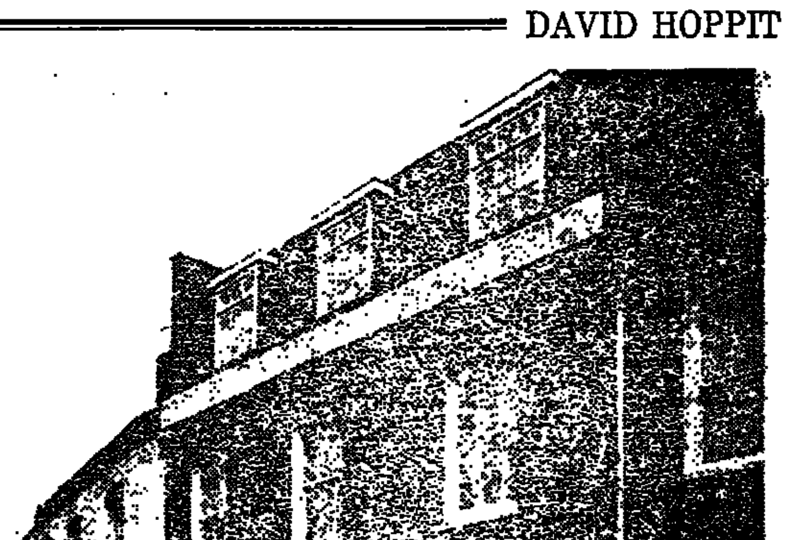
John German, for instance, reports enormous interest from American buyers, particularly in Mayfair and Belgravia, and Savills also talks of being besieged with calls from Americans wanting to take advantage of the favourable exchange rates.

Peter Kearon of Knight Frank and Rutley, writes in the annual report: "Whatever else George Orwell predicted for 1984, we can be fairly certain that he did not foresee the day when a typical freehold family house in Chelsea and Kensington would be sold for £400/£500,000."

Those American buyers proved more elusive according to the books of de Groot Collis, though the company reports dramatic price rises and enormous interest in houses in either immaculate condition or requiring renovation. Flats did not have such a buoyant year.

Chestertons said as many as 65 per cent. of their sales of property above £150,000 had been to overseas buyers, but they too reported a fall in interest from American buyers. As in the previous four years Middle Eastern buyers were the most prominent, said Bruce MacEacharn, closely followed by Far Eastern buyers.

British buyers, meanwhile, are being slowly eased further west and south, says Mitchell, beyond Parsons Green and Fulham to Putney, Hammersmith, Battersea, Clapham, Balham, Wandsworth and Tooting Bec. My own prediction for 1985 is that the long-neglected eastern fringes of the City will begin to come into their own. There are a number of Georgian houses off the Mile End Road which look set to rise.



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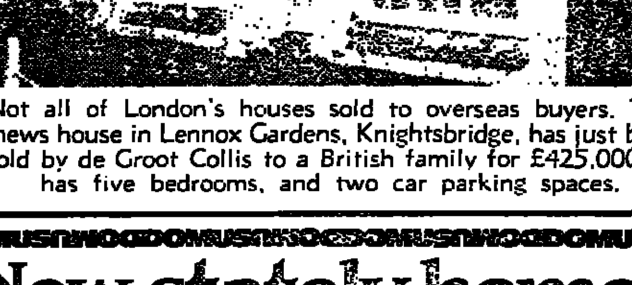

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The Queen will hold investitures at Buckingham Palace on Feb. 12, 19 and 26, March 5, 12 and 19, and July 24 and 30.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit "The Golden Age of Anglo-Saxon Art" Exhibition at the British Museum on Feb. 13.

The Prince of Wales, President of the Royal College of Music Centenary Appeal, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, will attend the United Kingdom première of the film "Amadeus." at the A B C Cinema, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C.2, on Jan. 16.

Princess Anne, President of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, will attend the Craft Awards at 195 Piccadilly, W.1, on March 3, and the Production and Performance Awards at Grosvenor House on March 5.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Sir Thomas Robson is 89 today; the Earl of Selkirk, Q.C., is 79; Sir Ivar Colquhoun 69; Prof. B. D. Josephson 45; and Mr Alexander Chancellor 45.

Forthcoming Marriages

Mr M. V. Charter and Miss J. E. Cradock-Hartopp

The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs V. N. Charter, of Writtle, and Joanna, youngest daughter of Sir John and Lady Cradock-Hartopp, of Wimbledon.

Lieut P. R. Wood, R.N., and Miss J. Brierley

The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Paul R. Wood, R.N., elder son of Mr and Mrs R. H. Wood, of Hazel Grove, Cheshire, and Janet, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Brierley, of Newquay, Cornwall.

Capt. A. D. K. Inkster and Miss W. M. McAnulty

The engagement is announced between Captain Alistair David Kirkness Inkster, Royal Horse Artillery, only son of Lt-Col and Mrs H. K. Inkster, of Arbroath, Scotland, and Wendy Mary, only daughter of Mrs B. Jackson, of Swainsthorpe, Norfolk.

Capt. A. P. Bourne and Miss F. S. Cameron

The engagement is announced between Capt. Anthony Bourne, R A, eldest son of Mr and Mrs N. C. R. Bourne, of Brighton, Sussex, and Fiona Susan, daughter of Major (Retd.) J. A. Cameron, M B E, and Mrs Cameron, of Gutersloh, West Germany.

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The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs G. C. Stacey, of Home Farm, Castlethorpe, Buckinghamshire, and Suzanne M. Jeanes, M.R.C.V.S., elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T. S. Jeanes, of Manor Farm, Cricket Malherbie, Somerset.

Mr J. E. C. Allen and Miss R. S. Green

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of the late J. D. C. Allen and of Mrs J. C. Blakesley, of Brightwell Baldwin, Oxon, and Rebecca, youngest daughter of Brigadier and Mrs D. R. Green, of Liphook, Hampshire.

Mr P. D. R. Ward and Miss R. M. Fudakowska

The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Colonel and Mrs Christopher Ward, of Farnham, Surrey, and Renata, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Wojciech Fudakowski, of Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey.

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Mr S. Keeble and Miss V. Innes-Smith

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Mr M. J. Burnford and Miss A. E. Carter

The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of the late Mr J. M. Burnford, J P, and of Mrs M. Burnford, of Pulborough, Sussex, and Annie, youngest daughter of the late Mr N. E. Carter and of Mrs J. Carter, of Chichester, Sussex.

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The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Richard W. Ingram, of Maidenhead, Berkshire, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D. L. G. Shuldham, of Chichester, Sussex.

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The engagement is announced between Lindsay John, elder son of Mrs J. P. Hatchett and the late Mr F. L. Hatchett, of Bishop's Stortford, Herts., and Jane McLeod, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Brown, of Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

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The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs D. R. Walden-Jones, of Bethlehem, Dyfed, and Sheila, daughter of Mrs J. Jones, also of Bethlehem.

Mr P. S. Wharton and Miss D. G. Hennessey

The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs Sidney Wharton, of the Hotel Riviera, Sidmouth, Devon, and Dena, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs George W. Hennessey, of Sidmouth, Devon.

Mr C. R. Dacres Dixon and Miss A. S. Dickinson

The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Mr and Mrs R. Dacres Dixon, of Wadhurst, Sussex, and Angela, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Dickinson, of Leeds, Yorks.

Mr W. P. Healey and Miss J. R. Ray

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs W. Healey, of Redcar, Cleveland, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. J. F. Ray, of Reigate, Surrey.

Mr D. J. Morley and Miss S. R. Christodolo

The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C. P. Morley, of Heswall, Cheshire, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. R. J. Christodolo, of Wellington, Somerset.

Mr S. T. Jolley and Miss J. Bird

The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs L. Jolley, of Maghull, Liverpool, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. C. Bird, of Euston, Suffolk.

Mr J. L. Greenhorn and Miss J. A. Doe

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mrs I. Greenhorn, of St Andrews, and of the late Mr W. Greenhorn, and Jennifer (Jenny), elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D. F. Doe, of Winchelsea, East Sussex.

Mr S. A. Merton Jones and Miss K. M. Rafferty

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs P. Merton Jones, of Great Paxton, Cambridgeshire, and Katherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B. A. Rafferty, of North Ferriby, East Yorkshire.

Mr M. Kenny and Miss J. Maunder

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs L. F. B. Kenny, of Plymouth, Devon, and Julie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. L. Maunder, of Halberton, Tiverton, Devon.

Mr J. A. Vaughan and Miss K. S. Kimber

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs M. J. Vaughan, of Groombridge, Sussex, and Karen, daughter of Mrs A. Kimber, of Crowborough, Sussex.

Mr P. L. Rosenvinge and Miss J. Whitwell

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr K. L. Rosenvinge and the late Mrs M. M. Rosenvinge, of Winchmore Hill, and Jill, daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Whitwell, of Sunderland.

Mr R. P. Grove and Miss C. J. Mack

The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs F. E. Grove, of Shipley, West Sussex, and Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. F. Mack, of King's Lynn, Norfolk.

Mr C. S. Griffin and Miss J. M. Wheldon

The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mrs O. M. Griffin, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and the late Mr Raymond Griffin, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. S. Wheldon, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr M. W. Nelsey and Miss C. L. Dallison

The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Edgar Nelsey, and Claire, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John P. Dallison, both of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.

Mr C. K. Badenoch and Miss P. J. Pinks

The engagement is announced between Charles, youngest son of the late Mr A. J. Badenoch and of Mrs M. J. Badenoch, of Kingston Hill, Surrey, and Penny, daughter of Mr and Mrs S. R. Pinks, of Thames Ditton, Surrey.

Mr A. J. Cruickshank and Miss F. G. Maisels

The engagement is announced between Alick, son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Cruickshank, of Polmont, Stirlingshire, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. O. Maisels, of Crosby, Merseyside.

Mr M. C. Holt and Miss J. E. Searle

The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs L. J. Holt, of Roydon, Essex, and Jane Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. S. Searle, of Buckhurst Hill, Essex.

WEDDINGS

Mr N. K. S. Wills and Miss P. T. Casson

The marriage took place yesterday at Kensington and Chelsea Register Office of Mr Nicholas Kenneth Spencer Wills, son of Sir John Spencer and Lady Wills, and Miss Philippa Trench Casson, eldest daughter of the Rev. Donald Trench and Mrs Casson.

A reception was held at Haberdashers' Hall and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr A. J. Wallis, R.N., and Miss C. K. Hickling

The marriage took place on Dec. 29, 1984, at St Michael's Church, Oulton, Suffolk, between Midshipman Adrian John Wallis, R.N., younger son of Mr and Mrs D. J. Wallis, of Oulton Broad, Suffolk, and Miss Clare Kim Hickling, elder daughter of Mr D. T. Hickling, of Derby, and Mrs D. B. Gooding, of Stalbridge, Dorset.

Mr J. K. Westbury and Miss L. M. F. Giordani

The marriage took place on Nov. 24 in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, between Mr Jonathan Kingham Westbury, elder son of the late Dr D. Westbury and of Mrs B. Westbury, of Great Glemham, Suffolk, and Miss Laura Mary Francine Giordani, only daughter of Dr and Mrs A. Giordani, of St John's Wood, London.

Mr J. M. Bennett and Miss L. J. Ayres

The marriage took place on Dec. 24 in Fort Charles, Barbados, between Mr John Michael Bennett, son of Mr L. Bennett and the late Mrs G. Bennett, of Wadhurst, Kent, and Miss Lindsey Jane Ayres, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. S. Tyers, of Old Windsor, Berkshire.

Mr P. C. Calvert and Miss M.-M. E. Lloyd

The marriage took place in London on Jan. 3, 1985, between Mr Charles Calvert and Miss Elena Lloyd.

LUNCHEON

Butcher's Company

The Master, Mr W. A. Woolhouse, presided at a court luncheon held yesterday at Butcher's Hall by the Butcher's Company. The toast to the guests was proposed by Mr H. G. Marshall, to which Mr P. A. Welton, President of the National Federation of Meat Traders, replied.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11.

British Library: Sir Michael Tippett manuscripts exhibition. Barbara Brend, "Masterpieces of Persian, Turkish and Mughal Painting," 12; "Manuscript Treasures from India," 2.30.

Museum of London: James Cole, London Toy Soldiers workshop, 1.10.

National Gallery: Colin Wiggins, "An introduction to 18th C painting," 1.

TOMORROW'S EVENTS

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

National Gallery: [illegible] 12.

Westminster Abbey: Evensong sung by Westminster Abbey Old Choristers Association, 3.

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Boat firms on course for American sales

By TONY FAIRCHILD Yachting Correspondent

TRADITIONAL, seafaring-related skills and the strong dollar have brought encouraging overseas contracts and expansion to at least two companies at the forefront of British boatbuilding.

Marine Project, with an annual turnover around £13 million and twice as big as its nearest rival, has opened a marketing company in America for the Princess range of luxury motor boats.

Proctor Masts is still taking on new business from a £500,000 contract to rig a galleon larger than the Victory, Nelson's flagship, for a Hollywood extravaganza.

Marine Project, which builds Moody and Sigma sailing yachts as well as the Princess range, launched its new marketing organisation to coincide with the 31st London International Boat Show, opened at Earl's Court yesterday by Adml Sir John Fieldhouse.

Pirate film

Mr David King, the Marine Project's managing director, said that with orders for the Princess currently six months ahead of delivery, it was not expected that turnover in America in the first year would exceed £1 million.

"But with the dollar so strong it is easy today to sell boats to the Americans," said Mr King.

"It is almost too easy. But what we want is to consolidate so that we have a good business in five year's time."

The Proctor contract, actually signed at the London Boat Show last year, involves sails and rigging companies as well as masts, for a pirate film.

The film, being made in Tunisia has required not only the rigging of the 160-foot galleon, but essentially the rebuilding also of a 65-foot fishing vessel as a period brigantine.

Proctors had to make a total of 22 spars. The metal spars were made to look like timber, while masts for the smaller vessel have been made of wood.

WILDLIFE VICTORY OVER DAM

By Our Vienna Correspondent

THE World Wildlife Fund and several thousand determined environmentalists have won a remarkable victory against a project for construction of a large hydro-electric dam on the Danube at Hainburg, near the Czechoslovakian border.

The Austrian Supreme Court has halted for the time being all the tree-felling and construction operations.

For weeks up to 3,000 mainly young nature protectors camped in rain and snow in the marshes. Twice the Socialist-Liberal coalition Government, pressed by trade unions and the public utilities lobby, sent hundreds of police to protect tree-cutting operations and beat back the protectors.

The bloody and highly emotional confrontation between the state authorities and the determined environmentalists shocked the public and led to serious differences both within the coalition and within the Socialist and Liberal parties.

DJURIC DRAWS THEN GOES TO HOSPITAL

By Our Chess Correspondent

Just one adjournment was cleared up yesterday in Hastings international chess tournament. Djuric, who had an infected toe, uncommon in chess, drew in 15 moves with Abramovic, then went to hospital and was detained in bed. Gutman joining him to play chess.

Russians have often offended by drawing perfunctorily but Kupreichik soon allowed his king to be displaced so that he could not castle. His fellow Russian Sveshnikov attacked with fury and adjourned with two rooks for two knights. Kupreichik should resign.

Round one: Djuric ½, Abramovic ½. Round two: Djuric-Gutman adjourned twice.

After five rounds: G. Flear (Leicester) 3; V. Kupreichik (Soviet Union) 3 with one adjourned; J. Benjamin (US), R. Kumar (India), J. Fedorowicz (US) 3; E. Sveshnikov (Soviet Union) 2½ with one adjourned; B. Abramovic (Yugoslavia), J. Hebert (Canada) 2½; L. Gutman (Israel) 2 with one adjourned; J. Jaskett (Bedford) 2; S. Djuric (Yugoslavia) 1½ with one adjourned; W. Watson (Barnes), I. Farago (Hungary), A. Martin (East Bern) 1½.

Round 6 today, Whites named first: Plaskett-Flear, Kupreichik-Abramovic, Benjamin-Hebert, Gutman-Martin, Fedorowicz-Djuric, Watson-Farago, Kumar-Sveshnikov.

GAS TO PROTECT CARYATIDS

Four caryatids, exquisitely sculpted maidens from a temple on the Acropolis, are soon to be immersed in nitrogen gas to stop pollution damaging them, an archaeology official said in Athens yesterday. The gas will go into a glass case erected around them in November.

They were taken from the Erechtheum temple and put in the Acropolis museum in 1979 after sulphur dioxide combined with the top few millimetres of marble to form gypsum, which rain can wash away. Sulphur dioxide in the air can reach sculptures even inside the museum.—Reuter.

Obituary

LEO ROBIN

LEO ROBIN, who has died aged 85, was the lyricist for the songs of many popular Hollywood musicals and often worked in collaboration with the composer Ralph Rainger.

An early success was the Maurice Chevalier song "Louise" featured in the 1929 film "Innocents of Paris." In 1938 he won an Academy Award for "Thanks For The Memory" which Bob Hope sang in "The Big Broadcast of 1938."

Born at Pittsburgh, he worked as an actor and journalist before turning to songwriting. He once had three Broadway musicals "Hit the Deck," "Just Fancy" and "Alley Oop" running simultaneously.

He worked with Rainger at Paramount in the 1930s and did the scores of more than 30 films. His songs included Jack Benny's "Love in Bloom," "Beyond the Blue Horizon," "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend," "Blue Hawaii," "I Love A Mystery," "For Every Man There's A Woman," "June In January" and "In Love In Vain" from Jerome Kern's "Centennial Summer."

His films included "The Vagabond King," "Waikiki Wedding," "Moon Over Miami," "Tales of Manhattan," "Coney Island," "Greenwich Village," "Something In The Wind," "Casbah," "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" and "My Sister Eileen."

Col Hugh Francis d'Assisi Stuart Law. At Edinburgh, aged 87. Commissioned, Irish Guards 1915, served 1914-18 War, France and Flanders, A D C to G O C-in-C 22 Army Corps, Rhineland 1919, A D C to Governor of Malta 1921, retired 1931. Major Fifth Bn, Border Regt (T A) 1932. Served 1939-45 War, France and Belgium 1940, commander Area of the Lebanon 1943-45, Cyprus 1945. Secretary, Army Cadet Force Scotland 1948-64, Deputy Lieut, Midlothian 1965. M.C. 1917, D.S.O. 1940, O.B.E 1956

PLEDGE ON G L C 'HISTORIC' JOBS

By Our Local Government Correspondent

The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England has decided in principle to make job offers to staff employed by the Greater London Council if the Bill to abolish it becomes law. They would be employed on the same terms and conditions as the commission's own staff.

The staff work for the G L C's Historic Buildings Division and the Historic House Museums of Kenwood House, Marble Hill House, Twickenham, and Ranger's House, Blackheath. Many concerned with historic buildings have been worried about the future of the division, which has a high international reputation for its restoration work.

WAY OF THE WORLD

Forgotten Memories

LORD Stockton, formerly Mr Harold Macmillan, gave an interview on the BBC television recently. One of the matters discussed was the part he played in 1945 in the handing over to the Russian Communists of thousands of Cossacks and other anti-Communist Russians, many of whom had fought with the German Army on the Eastern Front.

It is well known by now that some of these people tried to commit suicide, and some succeeded, rather than face certain death or imprisonment at the hands of those who were then supposed to be our allies.

Lord Stockton said he "was only obeying orders" — an expression familiar in another context. He also said that though he felt worried, he and the Western World in general were still unaware — in the spring of 1945—of the atrocious nature of the Soviet system.

This simply will not do. There were plenty of people in the Western World who were aware of it long before the war. Had Lord Stockton and these conjectural people in the Western World never heard of the enforced collectivisation of the Ukraine, in which two million people were deliberately starved to death? Had they never heard of the show trials and purges of the Thirties? Of the Soviet labour camps, later described by Solzhenitsyn in his books on the Gulag?

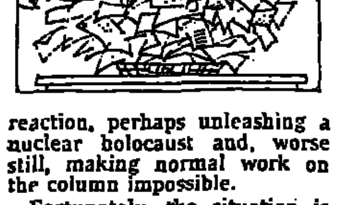
If they were really not aware of these things they were unfit to hold office or have any power to influence events. No wonder Lord Stockton is said to have "looked uneasy" during this part of the interview.

In his old age he is bringing some surprising—or not so surprising—things to light. In a previous television interview he said that as early as 1943 Churchill had "lost interest" in the war with Germany and already realised that Soviet Russia was the real threat to the West.

If only—but is there any point in thinking of these things now? The tardy relevations of Lord Stockton can teach us only one thing, if we did not know it already: that what seems to be happening in this world is never what is really happening.

Crisis

MY item "Furor Picticus" (Dec. 11) about the Ulster hero Cuchulain and his nationality has set off a raging inferno of controversy among my readers. Correspondence has been piling up through the Christmas and New Year recess, threatening to set off a chain



reaction, perhaps unleashing a nuclear holocaust and, worse still, making normal work on the column impossible.

Fortunately, the situation is now under control. Letters written in copying ink on scraps of old wallpaper and manifestos and leaflets from the Pictish Liberation Front, including an idle threat to unleash the Furor Picticus on columnar territory, have been put aside for the moment.

But there is still a formidable residue. One reader maintains that Cuchulain was a Liverpudlian. It is certainly true that his first name, Setanta (Cuchulain, "the Hound of Ulster," was a nickname) suggests a connection with the Setantii, a British tribe who in Roman times lived in the neighbourhood of what is now Liverpool, the so-called "Merseyside" of the infamous Heatho-Walkerian local government reforms.

Should he revisit the neighbourhood Cuchulain would be surprised by the changes since his time, the prevalence of "inner-city deprivation," the desperate social problem of Liverpool's two progressive bishops and so on.

All one can say for certain is that he would be in favour of the Government's plans to abolish the Metropolitan County of "Merseyside." He might well favour the abolition of Liverpool altogether, starting with its two bishops. And as a hero with superhuman powers, whose head, in the heat of battle, was often surrounded by forked lightning, he was not one to be trifled with.

All Clear Now?

"IN your report . . . concerning the appearance of the 'Fitzwilliam Nine' in Castleford Magistrates' court, you mentioned that banners outside the court were those of the Labour party Young Socialists and the Revolutionary Communist Party.

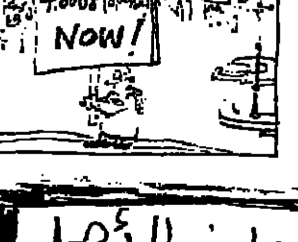
"You were mistaken, as the banners were from the Revolutionary Communist Group, and also from its newspaper 'Fight Racism! Fight Imperialism.' The Revolutionary Communist Group feels that it had mobilised significantly more people than the Revolutionary Communist Party, and do not wish to be mistaken for this organisation" (letter in the YORKSHIRE EVENING POST from a spokesman of the Leeds Revolutionary Communist Group).

An expert on Communist Groups comments: This letter merely compounds the confusion. When the so-called "Fitzwilliam Nine" appeared in Castleford Court there was a variety of banners outside, some of them carried by semi-automated demonstrators hired from Rentamob, the big mob-supplying agency.

As well as the Revolutionary Communist Group contingent there were demonstrators from the Communist Revolutionary Group, the Young Socialist Revolutionary Party, the Revolutionary Socialist Front, the Young Socialist Revolutionary Group and one representative of the Young Communist and Socialist People's Revolutionary Front, believed to be the only existing member.

Representatives of the "Nerdley 14,608 (est.)" were also present in sympathy with the "Fitzwilliam Nine." Dr Pixie Dutt-Pauker, head of the Social Protestology Department at Stretchford University, had hoped to send several thousand representatives, but could only round up a few dozen.

This group of martyrs has never appeared in court, partly because no court is large enough to hold them and partly because what cause they are martyrs for has never been established. Their numbers vary, as some drop out, enter mental hospitals or go abroad. But Dr Dutt-Pauker, who is organiser and treasurer of the "Nerdley 14,608 (est.) Support Group," believes they are a vital element in the people's struggle against racism, imperialism and war.



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Peter Simple

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ST JUDE, thank you three times.—A.

GRATEFUL THANKS Holy Spirit. Three day Novena.—E.B.

MRS. P.—We lost Victoria Plum in March 1984.—Mr P.

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Taking steps in the right direction in the ballet world

BY ROBIN STRINGER

JENNIFER JACKSON, dark-haired, slim and vivacious, is a phenomenon. Rhodesian-born, she is now a dancer and choreographer with Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet.

To be an accomplished choreographer is rare enough in the world of classical ballet, but to be a woman choreographer is bordering on the unique.

In contemporary dance where the expansion of recent years has created many opportunities, and in commercial theatre, women choreographers are commonplace. But in classical ballet, where the need for new choreographic talent is still great, Miss Jackson could not think of any who had established themselves. Now 30, she is in the process of doing so herself.

Her first work for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet last April, "Common Ground," was praised enough for its inventiveness and musical sensitivity to excite eager anticipation for her second, "Median," which had its premiere yesterday at London's Sadler's Wells Theatre.

It is for six men and six women and it is about relationships. "No, it's not very funny I'm afraid, but it does have a happy ending," said Miss Jackson. "I like happy endings."

Turning initially to choreography when her dancing career came to a stalemate (and because she wanted to be more creative) she is still puzzled as to quite why women choreographers should be such a rarity in this relatively emancipated age.

"Perhaps it is just that they are only now coming up," she said, but can only think of a current Sadler's Wells contemporary, Susan Crow, who has very recently turned to choreography.

As for herself, she had more encouragement than discouragement. "But in the institutionalised world of ballet, which is closeted and insular, there must be a school of thought which says, 'Yes dear, but she's just a woman.'

"And if anything, you do have to produce a bit more if you are a woman," she added.

Born in Zimbabwe of Anglo-Irish ancestry, she arrived late at the Royal Ballet school at the age of 17, via Elmhurst Ballet school in Surrey where she showed her academic abilities by duly collecting eight "O" Levels.

She had been recommended to Elmshurst by a former pupil and fellow-Rhodesian, Merle Park, the former prima-ballerina who is now director of the Royal Ballet School. Miss Park had spotted her potential at "the little amateur company known as the National Ballet of Rhodesia" to which both have since returned as stars.

Her father, who was a magistrate and lawyer, and her mother, who had a degree in zoology and botany, were "supportive" if not overjoyed at the prospect of their bright daughter sacrificing academic qualifications on the altar of the dance. She did not seriously consider dancing as a career until she was 13 or 14.

Coming from "a cultural backwater like Zimbabwe," she also found London (where she now lives a bachelor girl life), with its exhibitions and other artistic attractions, more compelling than her textbooks.

She joined the Royal Ballet after a year and quickly rose to the rank of soloist. But the ambitions she had fostered of dancing all the great roles faltered when younger dancers like Bryony Brind, Fiona Chadwick and Alessandra Ferri passed her by.

"I found myself on a downward spiral and my choreographic attempts had not taken off either. So I decided to leave, but after ten years it was a bit traumatic."

Hectic and varied experience followed, including dancing with the "Aterballeto" company in Italy, choreographing for Wayne Sleep's "Dash"; for two productions of Stravinsky's "The Soldier's Tale," and a group of actors in a fringe musical, "Hollywood Babylon."

From one-night stands across snow-bound America with Vyvyan Lorrayne's company she returned to achieve a long-held ambition by dancing Odette/Odile in London City Ballet's "Swan Lake." It proved a revelation to her as choreographer because of the structure and cohesion of the central role.

Now, with a steady actor boyfriend and with the confidence gained by surviving outside the big institution that mothered her, she has settled into Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet with the combination of dancing and choreography.

That has proved especially daunting during the last two panic-stricken, holiday weeks leading up to Thursday's premiere.

But at least there is no budgeting element to this engagement, as she suspects there was with her first attempt at "The Soldier's Tale." "They wanted a woman because she could also dance the role of the princess. It was two jobs for the price of one," she said.

Choreographer Jennifer Jackson (centre) advises dancers Nicholas Millington and Jeanne Benjamin on their roles in her new ballet "Median" for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet.

Picture by PAUL ARMIGER.

IN RECOGNITION OF A SPORTING LIFE...

By Judi Goodwin

THOUGH all forms of sport have been given widespread prominence in recent years, the field of school athletics still remains something of a poor relation in terms of public attention and media coverage.

Now the award of the M B E to Miss Doris Wood of Blackpool, a retired physical education teacher, could represent a first step towards righting the balance.

Miss Wood, now 69, is just one of an army of teachers who for many years have given much free time to coaching and organising young people's athletics after school hours, generally without pay or official recognition. Yet it is generally from the background of school sports that most of our British international athletes emerge.

In a career of almost 40 years Miss Wood has seen much progress in the general health and fitness of schoolchildren, as well as great changes in the public attitude towards girls' participation in strenuous sporting activities.

"In the Thirties," she recalled, "school athletics were in their infancy and there were doubts about whether young women should be doing certain events on health grounds. Some doubted the wisdom of girls doing the long jump, for instance, because of possible effects on the pelvic ligaments used in childbirth. Now it has been proved girls can do as much as boys. In fact, it's been found that many women athletes have benefited in childbirth because of their stronger muscle tone."

By the time Doris Wood began coaching school - children in Salford in 1939 the diversity of school athletics events was already developing. "Once the war was over, we never looked back," she said. "Now the national school championships attract 2,000 competitors a year and it's the culmination of hundreds of school, district and championship events."

These days Miss Wood's main fear is of children doing competitive events too early. "If over-ambitious parents push children into doing too much too soon, it can overstrain the child. And if they do well to begin with and then fall back, it can be upsetting."

There is, she said, no right age to begin competitive events because every child develops at different stages.

Originally, when Doris Wood trained, she was a team sports enthusiast and a keen hockey and tennis player, but when she began teaching she quickly realised the vast potential of athletics. "It's such a wide subject it gives much greater opportunities for children of different abilities and physique," she said. "The fast movers make good sprinters, children with stamina make good longer-distance runners. And the type of child who has strength to throw will do well at discus, javelin and putting the shot."

It's no accident, she said, that some of our top athletes are high academic achievers as well. "To be good at sport you have to have powers of concentration and determination. Apart from the physical ability, you also need mental stamina. That's why you find the people with the determination to go out and train are usually the ones with the motivation to sit down and study as well."

After 36 years teaching maths and P E to Blackpool girls aged 11 to 16, Miss Wood took early retirement from education in 1974 to concentrate full-time on athletics work. She is still actively involved as a British Amateur Athletics Association Senior Coach specialising in hurdling and has strong links with the Blackpool and Fylde Athletics Club. She is also a vice-president of the Women's Amateur Athletics Association and involved in an advisory and administrative capacity with the English Schools Athletics Association.

She observed: "In schools today there is a much wider sphere of sport open to schoolchildren. Improved facilities and school sports halls mean children have more chance to try minority sports like volleyball, and climbing and skiing.

"Though it's good for the children, it puts extra strain on sports teachers who have to split themselves between more and more activities. And I don't think anyone realises how much time they spend out of school hours.

In school time one teaches the whole class. But after school, that's when you coach the promising youngsters and get down to organising events."

Generally, she feels gratified that the importance of sport is now more widely recognised, though she said P E teachers still have to fight hard for their subject, particularly in a world where academic success is vital.

"Fortunately I do think head teachers realise the importance of sport in providing a balance. What we aim at is to give every child a chance to attain some pleasure and satisfaction from participating in a sport they enjoy. It gives them a certain pride which has a good psychological effect and helps their general attitude to life."

ART THAT ACTS LIKE A TONIC

HOSPITALS are becoming increasingly aware of the therapeutic value of art. A colourful tapestry or interesting mural in the waiting room can have a soothing effect on tattered nerves.

All too often, to patients and visitors alike, the sheer size of the building and its sterile environment can be both hostile and frightening.

So, currently, there is a strong argument for public art organisations to finance hospital art, since more people pass through the doors of one London teaching hospital in a day than visit the Tate Gallery.

Lesley Greene, Director of the Public Art Development Trust, (P A D T) and art advisor to the King Edward Hospital Fund for London, has been particularly successful in getting various art forms, including sculpture gardens, into hospitals. She finds the artist and raises the finance.

Next Wednesday, two colourful tapestries by Marta Rogoyska will be unveiled at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, Kent. The commission came about as a direct result of Marta Rogoyska's spell as "artist in residence" at a local girls' school.

Lesley Greene liased between the artist and the hospital and persuaded the Crafts Council, Greater London Arts Association, Bexley Arts Council, the King Edward Hospital Fund, the hospital itself, and local dignitaries, to foot the bill.

Faye Carey's wonderfully inspiring trompe l'oeil mural that runs the entire length of the 76ft long waiting room in St Stephen's Hospital, Chelsea, was also organised by P A D T. Completely transforming the depressing passage-type room, it takes the form of a series of windows looking over rural scenes divided by curtains, blinds, furniture, bowls of flowers and paintings.

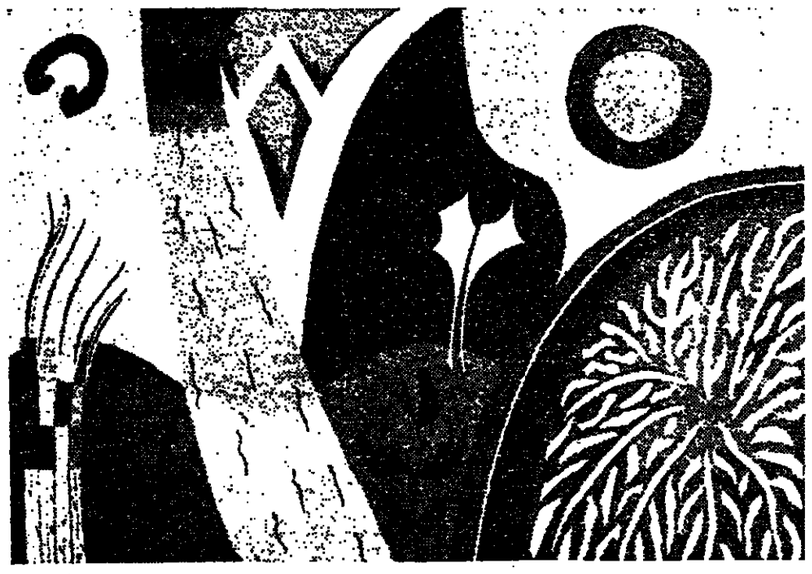
She was chosen from over 100 artists in a competition organised by Lesley Greene for the Hospital Friends. "It is vital that the hospital committees select work for themselves," she explained.

An arts graduate in her early 30s, she previously worked for the Scottish Arts Council and the Greater London Arts Association before setting up P A D T 13 months ago with finance from the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. The aim of the Trust is to encourage and organise commissions for works of art in all public places.

Her most interesting project to date involves collaborating with the architects of a new wing for St Mary's, Paddington, the hospital where the royal babies were born. Bridget Riley is working on a "painted colour scheme" for an entire floor. It is planned that paintings, tapestries and sculptures will also be commissioned for other areas.

Other bodies are also organising art in hospitals. A report by the D H S S, "Art in the National Health Service," lists everything from major sculpture commissions, to temporary exhibitions by local art societies, and artists working with patients, particularly the long stay and psychiatric ones, on murals.

Elizabeth Benn



"Greenhouse," one of Marta Rogoyska's colourful tapestries for the outpatients' waiting-room of the Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, Kent (to be unveiled on January 9). The commission came as a result of Marta's period as "artist in residence" at a local girls' school and is influenced by weavings and drawings done by the children.

VIEWPOINT

VICTORIA GILLICK, mother of ten at the last count, says she's happy at her Pill victory.

But many of us have had already to fight an uphill battle to remove fear and ignorance. As a trained midwife I've seen 13-year-olds sitting up in bed reading their comics after giving birth.

One mother found her daughter had given birth alone in bed one morning. The baby had been stillborn. She was lucky not to have had a dead daughter.

Besides comfort, we could offer these young girls knowledge and prevent more heartbreak. We should deal in reality, not religious bigotry.

I've worked with many Catholic midwives and they were very keen on good sex education and family planning. We far prefer these preventative measures to abandoned babies or abortion. I have two daughters and a son. Not only did I teach them family planning, but also that the consequences of sleeping around could result in venereal disease. Facts of life also include responsibility, respect and love for one's partner.

Good medicine is preventative medicine and Victoria Gillick is trying to deny us the right to practise it.

Best of luck to her "lock up your daughters" preaching. The entire country will be watching her five daughters with great interest to see if it works.

Joyce Lister

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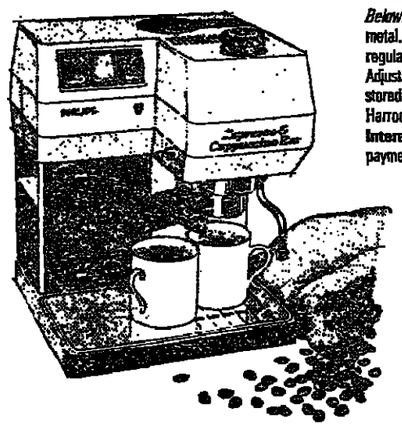

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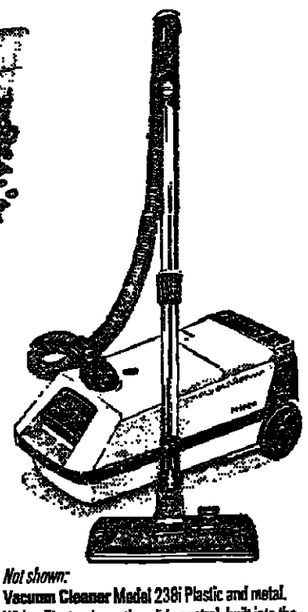

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A FIT OF THE SHIVERS

STOCK MARKETS, BY THEIR very nature, are fickle jades. In the closing days of the old year the sharper sterling shrunk the more the market seemed to like it. Yesterday it took fright. For this sudden change of sentiment there were essentially two reasons. The first was that confidence in the Government's ability to contemplate the slide in sterling without recourse to higher rates of interest evaporated. The second—reduplicating the first—was alarm at the scale of the storm-cloud hanging over one of the four major clearing banks, the Midland.

As usual in such circumstances, a sense of proportion is desirable. The Midland Bank is not by any stretch of the imagination, facing a comparable plight to that which last year laid low the Continental Bank of Illinois. It bought a pup in the shape of the Crocker Bank of California, and it has consistently underestimated the depth and duration of the problem it is landed with. As a result it could be vulnerable to acquisition. But there is no question of a risk to its domestic depositors (nor would the Bank of England remotely allow one to materialise). Mistakes have been repeated; but the damage is of perfectly manageable dimensions, whether by the present team or by others.

Nor is a rise in British interest rates—as yet, at any rate—inevitable. Indeed a rise in interest rates for the sole purpose of reversing a plunge in the exchange rate is seldom, if ever, appropriate. Interest rates are tools of monetary management: the strict case for adjusting them lies in evidence of excessive credit stringency or slackness. But the stringency or slackness of domestic credit conditions depends among other things on the Government's ability to tap the savings of the general public. When the markets fear a rise in interest rates, the buyers of Government stocks are hard to find.

For all sorts of reasons the Government is anxious to avoid recourse to dearer money. But experience forewarns that attempts to defy market expectations can be counter-productive. By today the authorities will have a shrewd idea of what next week's provisional monthly money figures are going to say; and unless the message is genuinely reassuring, they might be best advised to pre-empt reactions. Otherwise they could run the risk of giving the impression that it is not only sterling for which a relaxed approach is deemed appropriate, but that the same also goes for inflation.

THE IMMIGRATION FILE

ACCORDING TO CABINET papers just released under the 30-year rule, Ministers were showing signs of alarm in 1954 at the rate of Commonwealth immigration. Since it was not until 1962 that the same Ministers felt moved to take the necessary legislative steps to restrain entry, that leaves something to account for. We do not, however, have to await annual instalments of Cabinet papers up to 1992 to discover what happened, for much of it is already on the record outside the Cabinet office.

Until Mr BUTLER's 1962 Commonwealth Immigrants Act all Commonwealth citizens were free to come and go as they pleased: so there are no official figures for entry in the years 1954-62. But there are estimates. They show that in each of the years 1955, 1956 and 1957 Commonwealth entry exceeded 40,000. In 1956-57 a group of Ministers under the Lord Chancellor was set up to examine urgently possibilities of control. An approach was made to Commonwealth Governments concerned with a view to reaching voluntary agreement to restrict emigration. That failed.

Just as Ministers began to think that legislative controls were inevitable, the figures for entry fell—to 29,850 in 1958 and to 21,600 in 1959. This was attributed by Mr BUTLER later to a "slight recession in the U.K." Ministers then decided that the problem would go away. The recession ended. The figure for 1960 jumped to 57,700, for 1961 to 136,400. Mr BUTLER's Act followed in 1962. It was fiercely contested by Labour and Liberal oppositions as being too rigorous. In reality, as Labour discovered in 1965, a year after taking office, it had proved too lax. In that year Mr WILSON's Labour Government made a U-turn and a more determined attempt to curb entry. So it emerges that between 1954, when the newly issued Cabinet papers make first mention of this subject, and 1962, Ministers developed no policy for dealing with immigration; and that the policy Parliament then approved was largely ineffective. No wonder we have had difficulties since.

CAN WE HAVE OUR BALL BACK?

IT WILL BE INTERESTING to see the reaction generated in different circles by the news that a Soviet tactical cruise missile, capable of carrying a warhead, apparently got out of control and passed over a strategically important Nato country, Norway, before crashing somewhere in desperately neutral Finland. First of all it is only fair to make the point that what appears to have been an SS-NX-21 (a Nato designation in the absence of knowing what the Soviet Navy calls it) was launched from either a submarine or a surface ship. There was at the time in the Barents Sea a naval exercise, and cruise missiles are regularly test-fired. Thus although it is just possible that some Soviet Captain Strangelove, and drunk too, pressed the button, simple equipment failure is more likely.

If precedent is anything to go by the Soviet Union will either ignore the incident, deny that it has happened, or insist that it is some kind of Nato dirty provocation intended to whip up East-West tensions before the United States-Soviet talks about arms control due to open in Geneva on Monday. It is also worth noting that it took Moscow several days to admit that one of its submarines went aground near a Swedish naval base, and nearly a week to confirm that one of its fighters had shot down a civilian airliner killing 269 people on board.

It is also an awkward, deeply embarrassing incident for Finland which now prefers only to talk about being violated by an "object" and refuses to say from whence it came. There is, of course, a Friendship Treaty linking Finland to the USSR and the Finns had better be careful about what they do. And it hardly bears thinking about the uproar that would ensue if a cruise missile from, say, Greenham Common was actually test fired (there are enough problems just getting one of them undetected out of the camp gates on the back of a transporter) and it strayed over Warsaw Pact territory. In CND and some other Left-wing circles this would be tantamount to an invasion of the Soviet Union, the so-called bastion of peace.

How the Salt talks foundered on office politics

ANYONE interested in the super-power talks on arms control should get hold of an extraordinary book on American policymaking, which purports to be an inside account of the personality clashes and power struggles that shaped American disarmament policy in the first four years of President Reagan's Administration. The most extraordinary thing about the book is that it could be published at all.

The book is called "Deadly Gambits," by Strobe Talbott. In the three months since it came out in America it has prompted a continuing furore. One well-placed American arms control official calls it "right on the button" in terms of factual accuracy, although he doubts some of the alleged quotations. Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Secretary of Defence, has, in contrast denounced the book as laced with "complete lies." When I mentioned the book innocently to a White House official over the dinner table recently, he practically choked with apoplexy.

British readers will be able to see what all the fuss is about next week when this alarming account* of jungle warfare in the Washington bureaucracy becomes available in the United Kingdom. It raises quite a few questions.

First, who is Strobe Talbott, the author, and how did he — or could he — become privy to the supposedly top-secret deliberations that he describes in such intimate detail? When he wrote the book he was TIME magazine's diplomatic correspondent and he already had written an account of the Salt II treaty negotiations.

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BY his own account, Talbott approached his sources for "Deadly Gambits" by promising two things: that he would not identify them as sources and that he would withhold publication "until, by my lights, the story could be said to be over." This happened, he decided, with the Soviet walkout from both sets of Geneva negotiations in December, 1983.

From the moment of Mr Reagan's 1980 election, he writes: "I made the rounds of sources, week in and week out. I frequently saw people very soon after a meeting in Washington or a negotiating session in Geneva had occurred — sometimes on the very same day, often within a few days." He said that his sources' accounts of what transpired had been based not only on very fresh memory but on notes taken at meetings and official cables.

There may be some hyperbole in Mr Talbott's claim, but he is a serious journalist and if what he says is only half true it still demonstrates a remarkable state of affairs. Here was the American Government entering into two sets of extremely sensitive negotiations with Russia, supposedly in conditions of close secrecy, and yet many of the chief officials involved were leaking like sieves.

In one respect at least, the book is rock-solidly based. For since it was published, Mr Paul Nitze, the veteran leader of the American delegation to the intermediate range nuclear forces negotiations in Geneva, has come forward to acknowledge that he was the source of Mr Talbott's account of the celebrated "walk in the woods" episode. This was the informal agreement reached between him and his Soviet counterpart during a stroll in the Jura Mountains of Switzerland in July, 1982. It amounted to a package deal by which America would abandon its plan to deploy Pershing II nuclear missiles in West Germany in return for massive cuts in Soviet SS-20 missiles

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

targeted on Western Europe. The deal fell through for lack of support in both Washington and Moscow.

Mr Nitze wrote: "When Strobe indicated to me what he had already been told by others about the 'walk in the woods' I decided it would be better that he have the facts straight rather than having them wrong. I therefore did my best to help him get the sections dealing directly with me right."

What emerges from Mr Talbott's tale is an account of a Republican Administration that came to power in 1981 convinced that America was weak, that Salt II must not be ratified and that arms control meant curbing Soviet weaponry, not checking the American military build-up. Gradually this hard-line stance changed as the Administration came under pressure from Western Europe and Congress.

As the Administration struggled to produce at least the semblance of a creditable negotiating position on Strategic Arms Reduction Talks and intermediate range nuclear forces it was hamstrung by unresolved internal conflicts. The chief protagonists in this internecine power struggle were not, as might be supposed, Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, and Mr Casper Weinberger. Nor was President Reagan personally involved in the fray except spasmodically and half-heartedly.

According to Mr Talbott's blow-by-blow running commentary, the conflict was mainly fought at lower levels between the "two Richards"—Richard Burt at the State Department and Richard Perle at the Pentagon. Both men are still in office as Assistant Secretaries in their respective departments.

Burt was hardly a dove: he had opposed Salt II, otherwise he would never have been picked for his job, but Perle comes through in the book as a hawk who "ended up having more impact on policy in arms control than any other official in the U.S. Government."

Now there is nothing either wrong or unusual about rivalry between Government departments during the process of policy formation, but many will conclude from Mr Talbott's book that Mr Perle's tough line was extreme even by Pentagon standards.

So the task of knocking heads together devolved, as often it must, on the White House and its National Security Council staff who exist precisely for the purpose of ironing out interdepartmental disputes and producing honed-down options for Presidential decisions.

Here again the book makes depressing reading. For it appears that in the field of arms control none of this machinery worked. Neither of the two Presidential Assistants for National Security Affairs who have held office under the present administration—Mr William Clark and Mr Robert McFarlane—carries the "clout" of such of their forebears as Dr Henry Kissinger or Dr Zbigniew Brzezinski. Mr McFarlane, the present incumbent, is a skilled and experienced official but he has not proved capable of imposing his fiat on those great sprawling complexes of the Pentagon and the State Department, let alone the Central Intelligence Agency.

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SO in this situation only the President himself can tame the jungle warfare. Yet Mr Talbott portrays Mr Reagan during his first term of office as a man both befuddled and uninformed on arms control, more interested in the public presentation of policy than the substance of the policy itself.

Since "Deadly Gambits" was published in America the White House has been striving to depict Mr Reagan as a true devotee of halting the arms race. The President himself seems keen to go down in history as a statesman who helped to lift the spectre of nuclear holocaust from the planet.

He is advocating the notion of defence against ballistic missiles as a means to this end and he is said to have taken part in numerous inter-agency planning sessions for the meetings on Jan. 7-8 between Mr Shultz and Mr Gromyko in Geneva.

Only if and when the superpowers get down to serious negotiations, presumably after next week's opening talks, will he find out whether the Reagan Administration has overcome its inability to get its act together.

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LONDON DAY BY DAY

A charming gesture to golfing ladies...

ROYAL ST GEORGE'S at Sandwich, which does not admit women golfers to membership, has emulated the gentlemen of Muirfield by inviting the organisers of the Curtis Cup, the major women's international golf match, to stage the competition on the course in June 1988.

It will be the first time that a women's golf competition has been held at Royal St George's, which is playing host to this year's Open. The club retains its "rather charming tradition" of allowing women friends and relatives of male members to play the course but gallantly does not charge them green fees.

Although the Curtis Cup will not be staged at Sandwich for another three years, the Ladies' Golf Union has already inspected the course and set the tee positions which will not be at championship range but, probably, at normal club medal length.

I gather that the initiative for the invitation came from the club itself, following Muirfield's lead, not from the sponsors, the National Westminster Bank. The women's arrival will be eagerly anticipated, particularly if the British team can repeat their last victory in the Cup, which took place in 1956 at the neighbouring Prince's course.

Malenkov remembered

VERY FEW leading statesmen named in the latest batch of Cabinet papers declassified under the 30-year rule are alive today but one exception is Georgi Malenkov, the Soviet leader with whom Sir Winston Churchill launched a one-man attempt to start East-West talks to end the Cold War.

Malenkov, now 82, spent much of his political life clambering over corpses interred under Stalin's purges but he has now turned over a new leaf by becoming baptised in the Orthodox faith and a regular churchgoer.

A short, fat bureaucrat who became Stalin's right-hand man has more than a few tales to tell but he has never made public his own view of the revelations of Stalin's daughter Svetlana Alliluyeva that he, in company with Khruschev and Beria, finished off Stalin with a drug in his drink in 1953.

Mikhail Gorbachev, the Politburo member who visited Britain last month and is considered by many Kremlin watchers to be the heir presumptive would do well to watch Malenkov's career. Malenkov succeeded Stalin for a few weeks but was outplayed by Khruschev and in 1956 disappeared from the political scene as Minister of Power Stations — proof that all that glisters is not gold.

Rubbing it in

JENNY GREENE, the stylish editor of "A LA CARTE," IPC's newest and most lavish magazine which is aimed at the nation's foodies, has devised a rather neat reply to readers who fail to recognise the wit of some of her writers.

Borrowing an idea from Smith's Crisps, she has produced small twists of salt bearing the magazine's logo, which are despatched to anyone whose letters indicate they are taking life too seriously.

The first, I am told, has gone to the public relations department of Trust House Forte following a letter of protest at an observation by one A LA CARTE writer who said he felt that Lord Forte was about to pop up from behind the till at a THF establishment in Oxford.

My note about dogs' names has prompted a reader to tell me of some friends who, after the death of their pet dog, were given a metal model of it as a memento. They called it Bronzo.

Piped aboard

REAR-ADMIRAL John Jeremy Black, who won a DSO as captain of the aircraft carrier Invincible during the Falklands campaign, took over a new posting at the Ministry of Defence yesterday as Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff.

His new job will be to advise the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, on day-to-day contingency planning and to organise the running of the Naval General Staff at the MoD.

The appointment of a "two star" admiral to the ACNS post follows Michael Heseltine's reorganisation of the Ministry of Defence. Black will be taking over the job previously done by more senior admirals as Vice-Chiefs of the Naval Staff but its responsibilities will be the same and I predict that the gifted "J.J." will prove a credit to his sponsors.

Many readers have rightly taken me to task for failing to challenge guidance from Downing Street that Sir Edward du Cann's KBE was "the highest rank in the Order of the British Empire." It is, of course, outranked by the GBE.

Anyone seen Orford?

PRODUCERS OF the revue "Meet Me at the Gate" at the King's Head Theatre Club which, as I reported yesterday, is based on risqué sketches put on at the old Gate Theatre Club in the 1930s, are trying to track down one of the original authors of an item in the show, who appears to have disappeared.

His name is redolent of the theatrical scene of the Thirties — Orford St John — but the trouble is that no one can remember who he was. He is recalled by veterans of the original shows as being "a bit strange but rather brilliant" but no one knows what happened to him after the revues came to an end when the Gate was bombed in 1941.

If he is still alive, the organisers of the revived show would like to invite him to see his work on stage again. A song of his called "Salome wouldn't dance" — rather similar to Noel Coward's more famous "Nina from Argentina" but pre-dating it by some years — is included in the revival.

"Either he's late or the Russians are up to something."

Verse and worse

TED HUGHES is taking his duty to promote poetry as the new Laureate very seriously — he has been the guiding light behind the creation of one of the most lucrative poetry competitions in the English speaking world.

A prize of £5,000 will be awarded for the best single poem which wins the favour of judges sponsored by the Faber publishing house and the Arvon foundation writing schools. To extend its appeal beyond these shores and help attract over 60,000 entries worldwide Hughes has prevailed upon the American poetess Amy Clampid to join native bards Craig Raine and Anne Stevenson on the panel.

Most of the prize money, I gather, has been raised from the literary foundation of the late Robert Duncan, the playwright of Abelard and Eloise who collaborated with Benjamin Britten on the libretto for Lucrezia.

Exchange and part

THE PARISH magazine of St Philips Church, Dorridge, Warwickshire, includes an item which says: "We are receiving reports (as yet still unconfirmed) that the Ladies Fellowship recently enjoyed a Swap Social. This was a meeting when members brought along something which they no longer wanted. Many ladies brought their husbands."

PETERBOROUGH

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taxation and the Black Economy

SIR—In the run up to the next Budget we are having the usual discussion of priorities. It seems now that we are going to get at last substantial tax cuts at the bottom end of the scale after many years of promise from the Conservative party.

The Black Economy has grown substantially in the last few years and has resulted in a very considerable tax loss to the country as a whole, and putting up tax levels payable by everyone.

Many small evasions result from unwillingness to get involved in the complications of the tax system, are quite small and are probably justified by tradition.

Surely the present Government should now lay great stress on lowering tax rates at the bottom end of the scale so as to dissuade evasion. This would have many benefits of which the most important are maximum fairness, less work involved by everyone in non-productive and costly paper work and, most important, in encouraging new job creation.

It may well help the unemployment statistics if jobs are switched from the Black Economy to the open market place.

To continue justifying our support, the Government must now, after privatisation and strict financial controls, deliver truly lower taxation.

HUGH MARSDEN
London, W14.

The drugs debate

SIR—Dr Valerie M. K. Arthur's letter (Dec. 27) concerning the proposed limited list of drugs available to the National Health Service raises some interesting points, which had not dawned on me until the day it was published.

That day, I visited an old lady whom I see regularly, who has a repeat prescription monthly for four items that are to be excluded from the NHS prescriptions.

Having checked with my local pharmacist, I find that the retail price of these items for her prescriptions, is £56·26. True, she could, perhaps, manage with alternative preparations, but this I have endeavoured to do over the years to no avail.

She is now more comfortable than she has been for a long time on her present medication. Incidentally, she does not have to attend hospital.

I would find it difficult to substitute her present treatment for the antiquated, and largely obsolete, preparations on the list, and know full well that her general well-being would rapidly deteriorate. When I told her of the proposals and the cost, she reacted by asking me how she would afford it on a pension of £39 per week. She has no family, and no one else to support her financially.

A similar problem will arise with our patients who are in certain local authority old-age homes. Presumably Mr Fowler would expect the staff to go round collecting payment for the many excluded prescriptions.

The profits of the pharmaceutical industry are excessive and to my mind certain large companies have "ripped off" the NHS. In that sense, they have themselves to blame for the backlash of the Government.

Nevertheless, the cant of Mr Fowler and his "advisors" is disturbing — not so much to us as doctors, but to our patients, particularly those on low incomes and very tight budgets.

(Dr) B. V. HARRIS
Kearsley, Gtr Manchester.

The working man

SIR—Is anyone able to provide a definition of "the working class"? asks Mr H. Whelan (Dec. 28).

George Orwell in "The Road to Wigan Pier" hits the nail on the head: A working man "does not act, he is acted upon."

Thus, a surgeon is not of the working class, and an unemployed man is of the "acted upon." class.

CLIFFORD WARREN
Machen Rectory, Gwent.

A new mandate in Pakistan

SIR—Your plea for better Indo-Pakistan relations (Dec. 31) is very timely and eminently appropriate. But the allegation that the recent referendum in Pakistan was a fraud is unfair.

The referendum of Dec. 19 was conducted by the Election Commission of Pakistan which is headed by a Supreme Court judge and includes four judges of the Provincial High Courts.

In spite of attempts by certain opposition groups to sabotage the polls, the polling was, by and large, peaceful and orderly.

The Election Commission announced that out of an electorate of some 35 million voters, 62 per cent. took part in the referendum and 97 per cent. voted in favour of President Ziaul Haq's Islamic and other measures.

Before the referendum, President Ziaul Haq had repeatedly told the nation in radio and television broadcasts and at mass meetings that he would consider a majority *Yes* vote as a mandate to govern the country for the next five years.

During the past seven and a half years, President Ziaul Haq has given Pakistan peace, stability and one of the highest economic growth rates in Asia. This has been achieved in spite of the economic burdens imposed by the presence of more than three million Afghan refugees.

The referendum has paved the way for the holding of general elections in Pakistan within the next 11 weeks for electing the Federal and Provincial legislatures. This would lead to the installation of elected civilian governments at the centre and in the provinces and the withdrawal of martial law.

Is this not a movement towards democracy and representative civilian rule?

QUTUBUDDIN AZIZ
Minister (Information),
Embassy of Pakistan.

Money in Zimbabwe

SIR—No effective provision has been made under the Lancaster House Agreement on Zimbabwe to enable the old and feeble to return to their countries of origin without being reduced to roofless poverty.

The young and sturdy are free to adapt to changing circumstances but the old and disabled are in need of special dispensation.

Compassionate leaders, and all those affected, should come together to petition for a scheme under which these people may transfer sufficient of their own money to provide security in their declining years.

A scheme by the present Government of Zimbabwe offers only to invest in unsecured Government Bonds over a period of 12 years, at a low level of interest at 4 per cent. over the first six years and one fifth of one's capital over the remaining six years. Many of the aged will not still be alive over this long period, or be so old as not to be able to enjoy the fruits of their labour.

A. P. B. CUNNINGHAM
Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Socialist species

SIR—May I assure Mr Christopher Bruce (Dec. 31) that all Tory Ministers, past or present, were socialist in everything but name, for the human species is the only truly socialist species ever to have been evolved on this planet, and therefore every human individual is socialist by nature.

What our species has not yet succeeded in doing is to evolve a sound theory of socialism: but the first principle of any political party should be: "It is better to have no theory of socialism than to have an unsound theory."

A political party does not become more socialist by calling itself "socialist" any more than a stinging nettle is improved if you rename it a "rose."

Just as the test of a pudding is in the eating, so too the test of any political party is that of practical application of its policy.

GEORGE ADCOCK
Poole, Dorset.

Pettiness frustrated the scholarly Mintoff

SIR—Mr Charles Laurence might have been able to write a much more eulogistic appreciation of Mr Dom Mintoff as he stepped down from being Prime Minister of Malta (Dec. 24).

Had the Foreign Office, some 30 years ago, treated him more as the Rhodes Scholar than as the son of a Royal Navy cook, Mr Laurence could, in all probability, have paid tribute to a most patriotic leader of a part of the Commonwealth that is of special significance to our history in war and in peace.

Rhodes scholarship, followed by a First at Oxford implies at least an able mind. He had more as subsequent history has shown. Mr Mintoff knew his debt to Britain and would have repaid it as a most loyal friend.

We could be honouring him in the way we do other long-time Prime Ministers of the Commonwealth.

In the flush of the George Cross Award he wanted Integration (three MPs at Westminster) with Britain. The Constitution offered by London was, as he saw it, a form of integration that left the Maltese as third-class citizens.

When his representations on this were brushed aside, he did a complete U-turn and campaigned for Independence:

Heaven has no rage like love to hatred turned
Nor Hell a fury . . .

If that is a legitimate observation on our phlegmatic nature, how much more could it be a characteristic of a man with Maltese blood in his veins and uninhibited by a public school ethos.

That initial wounding slight to his intelligence and his people's pride has sadly meant trouble at Westminster and sorrow to the many expatriates who knew the island as a sailor's paradise. It hurt.

My family saw much of the Mintoffs. His people understood and loved him. I often saw them kneel and kiss his hand as if he wore their bishop's ring. I am glad that Mr Laurence has written appreciatively of what Mr Mintoff achieved "to the advantage of the majority of his people."

He found what he regarded as sheer Foreign Office pettiness particularly frustrating, particularly over the future of the dockyard.

By the late 'fifties it was clear that Malta was no longer a useful base in nuclear war. The Royal Navy was pulling out and halted the process only somewhat for the Suez operation. Mr Mintoff wished to reshape the island economy after the Navy's departure around a commercial dockyard with its wonderful facilities and craftsmen.

The Norwegians offered him a very acceptable deal. They could have used it to service and refit their continuous procession of tankers through the Mediterranean. I cannot remember how many months of unexpired lease there were, but London would make no concessions to Malta's future.

He retaliated by refusing to speak to the next Governor. It happened to be Sir Guy Grantham. Mr Mintoff regarded the appointment as an irrelevance at a time when the island desperately needed a commercial not a Services Governor. He became determined that the Navy should leave as soon as he could get them out.

Mr Mintoff also had to take on the heavily entrenched positions of the Church. Not that he was anti-religious. He was against the superstitions of a Church that had not experienced the Counter-Reformation.

It was a medieval survival with the Archbishop excommunicating members of the Cabinet and the ubiquitous priesthood ("if priests were trees Malta would be a forest") . . . exercising an impoverishing and often sinister surveillance.

Had he lived in London he, the Rhodes Scholar, would have attended Farm Street.

He was not a Marxist, however odd his recent bedfellows. That was certainly the state of mind he asked me to convey to the Cardinal Archbishop when I visited Venice. (The Cardinal was later to become Pope John). He understood the difference.

I was not in his company as a journalist or a chronicler, so cannot quote chapter and verse precisely. I had no party political interest in local events, so had no axe to grind.

Of course, I had loyalties but they never conflicted with friendship. It is from that remembered relationship of 30 years ago that I write to record the sadness of seeing the gamekeeper turned poacher through his reading of London's actions.

Had he been treated as the Rhodes Scholar with great qualities of leadership (no pocket Napoleon) he could have left office with great acclaim and properly honoured for having done so much more for all the people of the island on which a one-time grateful Government conferred a George Cross.

BASIL WATSON
St. Lawrence Jewry, London, E.C.2.

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Cracks found in 'Subway vigilante' mugging story

By IAN BALL in New York

CRACKS were appearing yesterday in the story of Bernhard Goetz, 37, dubbed by New Yorkers as the "subway vigilante" for his ordinary citizen's crusade against crime.

Goetz, an electronics specialist, has returned to New York yesterday from Concord, New Hampshire, where he surrendered on New Year's Eve to face four charges of attempted murder.

The charges, and a fifth one of illegal possession of a pistol, stem from his response to an alleged mugging attempt by four black teenagers on an underground train just before Christmas.

He produced from his belt a ·38-calibre pistol and shot all four of the would-be muggers, hitting one of the 18-year-olds in the spine and paralysing him.

Goetz, a meek-looking, bespectacled man who has carried his unlicensed pistol since a group of young black muggers jumped him on the subway four years ago, has said that he regrets the shooting of the four teenagers. But at the same time he insisted that "it had to be done."

Image falls short

Until yesterday, most New Yorkers had an image of a lone subway passenger defending himself courageously and effectively against a gang of thugs, three of whom were carrying sharpened screwdrivers and all of whom had police records.

The only thing that seemed to bother the "Goetz fan club" was his use of an unlicensed gun.

But a prosecutor in New Hampshire, who has read Goetz's long statement, says this image falls well short of the reality.

"He indicated that he at no time felt threatened by the individuals," said Mr Andrew Isaac, Assistant Attorney-General.

"There are indications of premeditation, but that word was not used by Goetz."

Records sealed

Although the judge directed that the police records in the case be sealed, the prosecutor's remarks left the strong impression that Goetz's claim that he acted in self-defence is not accepted at face value by those who have questioned him.

According to New York police sources, the "subway vigilante" has conceded in his statement that he never felt any threat of "deadly force" from the four teenagers who accosted him.

The youths asked him first for a light, and then for $5 (£4·40).

Others who have talked to Goetz were offering a picture yesterday of a bitter, brooding man who had harboured thoughts of vengeance since he was first mugged on the subway.

In his statement to Concord police, he recalled fighting off muggers in January, 1981. "They caught the guy who did it," he said, "and he was back on the street in 2hr 35min."

$500,000 bail

Despite the fact that he turned himself in, Goetz has been held in New Hampshire on the unusually high bail of $500,000 (£434,000).

A prosecutor normally seeks a surety of this order when a prisoner is considered a prime "fugitive risk."

Goetz had no lawyer representing him when he appeared at the bail hearing and he did not challenge the amount.

By contrast, one of the teenagers who received a bullet wound when he and his group accosted Goetz in the subway carriage has been freed without bail because he will be needed as a prosecution witness against Goetz.

Youth a witness

Troy Canty, whom another judge only last month dubbed "a danger to the community," had been apprehended as soon as was released from the hospital where he had been receiving treatment for a gunshot wound.

He was wanted on a month-old theft charge.

The prosecution had asked that bail be set at $100 (£869), but Judge Edward McLaughlin disagreed.

"Since there is a serious case in this city where the people are going to need this person's (Canty's) co-operation, I don't understand why you are seeking bail," the judge remarked.

MP weds childhood sweetheart

SIR PAUL HAWKINS, 72-year-old Conservative M P for Norfolk South-West, after his marriage at All Saints' church, Little Munden, Herts, yesterday to widowed Mrs Tina Daniels—his childhood sweetheart to whom he first became engaged more than 50 years ago.

Sir Paul was 20 when their parents disapproved of the match. "People said we were too young then," he said yesterday, "and now I suppose they'll say we're too old."

They lost touch after their first engagement was broken off and each married another partner. Sir Paul's wife died in June and Mrs Daniels' husband 10 years ago.

At the ceremony at All Saints', attended by children from the couple's previous marriages, Mr Toby Jessel, Conservative M P for Twickenham, was best man. "It is a very romantic story," he said afterwards.

A prisoner-of-war in Germany during the second world war, Sir Paul has held South-West Norfolk since 1964.

PICTURE: KENNETH MASON

CYPRIOT WOMAN DEPORTED

MRS AYSE HALIL, the Cypriot woman who has lost a long campaign to stay in Britain, was deported to Turkey yesterday on the instructions of immigration officials.

Mrs Halil, 32, who leaves behind her two young sons, said farewell to them at Heathrow and added: "I hope we can be together again soon.

"It is the saddest day of my life. I just hope the Government will show some compassion and they will let me return at least for a holiday.

"How can it be compassionate to split up a family like this?

"Britain is home for my two sons. They are at school here and have all their friends here. I do not know what sort of future I will be going to in Turkey."

She added: "They gave citizenship to Zola Budd in just a few days. If I had been a runner instead of a mother maybe things would have been different."

Failed to register

Mrs Halil, of New Cross, has been fighting to stay in Britain with her parents who emigrated to Britain from Cyprus in 1971.

The yare British citizens but failed to register her as a British citizen while she was under 18, and when she married a Cypriot she automatically gained his citizenship.

Her two sons, Sabah, 12, and Serhan, 7, were born British citizens and will stay in Britain with their grandparents.

Mrs Halil's daughter, Sebnem, 3, is not British and has to go to Turkey with her.

Mrs Halil was deported from Britain in 1981 with her husband, but when her marriage broke up she returned illegally in 1983 on a Turkish passport with a different name.

Mr David Waddington, Home Office Immigration Minister, said he believed there would be no change of heart by the Government to allow Mrs Halil to return to Britain.

"None of these cases are easy but one has to draw the line somewhere," he said.

'Depressing response' to £17,500 book prize

By KEITH NURSE Arts Correspondent

ATTEMPTS by the late Betty Trask, elderly recluse and writer of light romances, to encourage authors of romantic fiction with annual awards totalling £17,500, have brought a "depressing response" from writers and publishers, it was disclosed yesterday.

But the Society of Authors, which administers the scheme, now in its second year, insisted there was no question that the awards would be halted.

The deadline for entries, however, had been extended for a further month, to the end of January, to help boost the 30 submissions received so far.

The prizes are presented under the terms of a £400,000 legacy left by the author of such titles as "Love has Wings" and "The Merry Belles of Bath", who died three years ago, aged 88.

But Miss Trask's conditions for the awards, specified in her will, are proving to be something of a handicap.

She stipulated that they were for writers, aged under 35, of first published or unpublished novels of "romantic or traditional — and not experimental —nature."

Of the 30 entries received by the time of the original deadline on Monday, 25 had been submitted by individual writers, four by publishers and one by an agent.

Why hard-pressed authors and their publishers should be spurning the opportunity of such a handsome hand-out is puzzling officials. However, it was suggested yesterday that first novels of this type by the under 35s are not all that plentiful.

TAKI MUST RETURN TO U.S.

By JOHN WEEKS
Crime Staff

PETER THEODORACOPOULOS, the Greek millionaire who wrote the High Life column in the SPECTATOR, is to be returned to America on completion of his four-month prison sentence for attempting to smuggle cocaine into Heathrow.

Theodoracopoulos, who used the pen name "Taki," in his middle name, has been served with a detention order under the Immigration Act of 1971 which enables the Home Office to make arrangements to "secure his removal" from the country when he completes his sentence in Pentonville.

His earliest release date, the Home Office said yesterday, is February 26.

He was sentenced in August to 16 weeks' imprisonment after admitting smuggling 25 grams of cocaine into Heathrow. The columnist later lost his appeal against the sentence and his job with VANITY FAIR.

Olympic skier

During the appeal Mr John Matthew, Q.C., Taki's counsel, said that the former Greek Davis Cup player and Olympic skier was now "professionally destroyed" as a result of the case.

On his arrest at Heathrow, immigration officers technically refused him leave to enter the country and the papers served on Taki on Christmas Eve at Pentonville enables the Home Office to approach Pan-Am, the airline which brought him into the country, to pay for him to return to America.

The columnist has since signed a contract with the OBSERVER to write his prison memoirs. Taki has a United States passport

GIBRALTAR REOPENING CONFIRMED

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Spain confirmed yesterday it would fully reopen the border with Gibraltar on Feb. 5, the day Anglo-Spanish talks on the colony begin in Geneva.

The border was closed to all traffic in 1969 by the Franco régime. The present Socialist Government of Spain partly lifted the restrictions in December 1982, by allowing local inhabitants to cross on foot.

British and Spanish officials will meet next week to prepare for the Feb. 5-6 meeting between Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, and his Spanish counterpart, Senor Fernando Moran.

BBC to screen sex film dropped from Christmas TV

By HARVEY LEE Television Staff

THE BBC admitted yesterday it was waiting for a "suitable slot" to show an explicit sex film that was hurriedly removed from the holiday schedules.

"Looking for Mr Goodbar" was due to be shown on Sunday night in an abridged version.

It tells the story of a teacher, played Diana Keaton, who spends her nights cruising the singles bars of Manhattan.

Her casual sexual relationships eventually lead to her violent death.

But Mr Graeme McDonald, Controller of BBC-2, decided that the moral tone of the movie was "inappropriate" for the festive season.

A BBC spokesman said yesterday: "There is a strong possibility that the film will be shown in the future. It was simply considered inappropriate for Yuletide transmission."

The corporation was also concerned over another of its films, "The Deerhunter," which was shown n BBC-2 late on New Year's Day. It was screened with a censored soundtrack.

Surprised at ban

Mr Paul Bonner, programme controller of Channel 4, said yesterday he was "slightly surprised" by the Independent Broadcasting Authority's decision to ban the Monty Python film, "The Life of Brian," a parody on the Gospel.

The channel's film buyers outbid the BBC for the film, which it bought for showing this year, provided the IBA approved.

IBA members watched the film before Christmas, and told Mr Bonner that it could not be shown because it would offend practising Christians and members of other faiths.

Mr Bonner said: "I would have thought that the debate about this film and its style of parody had been sufficiently well aired in public to the point where a vast majority of those interested in religious issues would have known about it, and would not have wished to watch it.

"We had no intention of showing the film at peak viewing."

The IBA said: "There is no time limit on our view. It is not just a matter of making cuts, as in te case of some films that are initially unsuitable for showing on television. Our objections were on the grounds of poor taste."

"The Life of Brian" provoked outrage on its cinema release, both in Britain and abroad, even though the Monty Python team responsible was already noted for its irreverent and satirical style of humour on television and in films.

The film opens with the Three Wise Men bearing gifts to the wrong manger in Bethlehem, and closes with Graham Chapman, as Brian, wrongly crucified and leading the multitude in a chorus of "Always Look on the rBight Side of Life."

The film's British release sparked a row about blasphemy that culminated in a television debate with Malcolm Muggeridge.

Error of judgment

In America, the film was attacked by orthodox rabbis who branded it as "a crime against religion" and picketed the premiere. Norway and Eire banned it.

The IBA is still smarting from a court action by Mrs Whitehouse and the National Viewers and Listeners Association over the televising of the borstal film "Scum" on Channel 4. The IBA hopes to go to the Court of Appeal in March.

Last April, Lord Justice Watkins, in the High Court, ruled that the IBA director-general, Mr John Whitney, committed "a grave error of pudgment" in failing to refer to IBA members the issue of whether the controversial film should be shown.

He ordered that in future any such controversial programme ought to be referred, and he found the IBA "in breach of its duty in not instructing the Director-General upon the nature of, and the circumstances in which, programmes should be referred to members for decision."

But the IBA claimed afterwards that the court had not found the authority to be in breach of its duties under the Broadcasting Act by showing the film.

Zola Budd to continue running in Britain

By JENNY SHIELDS

AFTER months of speculation about her future, Zola Budd, the South African-born runner, said yesterday she intended to base herself in Surrey and continue her career as a British athlete.

Miss Budd, 18, made the decision after months of hesitation following her experience at last summer's Olympic Games in Los Angeles when she collided on the track with Mary Decker, a popular American runner.

Mr Jannie Momberg, a family friend and vice-prisedent of the South African Athletic Union, yesterday read a statement prepared by Miss Budd.

In it, she outlined her plans, which include running in the 1500 metres British Indoor Championships at Cosford on Jan. 25 and 26 and possibly in the international meeting against West Germany, if she is selected.

There is a possibility that the diminutive runner will compete in the National Cross-Country Championships in Birkenhead next month. She is also considering taking part in a 10-kilometre road race in Phoenix, Arizona.

Miss Budd arrived in Britain on Wednesday after a short holiday in Switzerland. That night her advisers met Mr Nigel Cooper and Mr Robert Stinson, secretary and treasurer of the British Amateur Athletics Board, and convinced them of her desire to return to Britain.

Last night she flew back to South Africa to spend three weeks with her sick mother. When she returns to Britain she will move into a small boarding house in Guildford which is run by friends.

Mr Momberg said: "We have given back to Britain potentially the world's greatest woman athlete and I expect some exceptional performances from her this summer."

Miss Budd, who caused a storm of controversy last year when she was granted a ritish passport within a fortnight of arriving from South Africa, said her final wish was to be treated and accepted as any other British athlete."

EXTRADITION DEAL WITH SPAIN NEAR

By JOHN WEEKS
Crime Staff

BRITAIN and Spain are close to an agreement on a new extradition treaty between the two countries, a Home Office spokesman said yesterday.

Mr Brittan, Home Secretary, approached the Madrid authorities in July after growing concern about the list of Britons apparently thumbing their noses at ritish police from their Spanish holiday areas.

Initially emphasis was laid on the lack of a treaty between the two countries, which, if Spain's application to join the Common Market is successful, would be close trading partners.

The last treaty between the two countries lapsed nearly seven years ago and some of this country's leading criminals have taken advantage of this.

Shortly before Christmas, officials from the Spanish Foreign Ministry, and legal and diplomatic experts from the Home and Foreign offices completed their latest round of talks and it is felt that further meetings might not be necessary before agreement is reached.

Spain have gone some way to meet the immediate complaints of the British police by introducing legislation which allows the Minister of Justice to expel foreigners he may consider to be "undesirable."

Stumbling block

One of the major stumbling blocks which has been overcome is the admissibility of evidence provided by Britain in Spanish courts. Changes in Spanish law will now make it easier for British legal authorities to apply for extradition.

Criminals living in Spain have been watching developments closely and many have already made arrangements to flee the country if a treaty is signed.

Some have put properties up for sale and have already bought new homes in places like Costa Brava and other South America countries which do not have extradition arrangements with Britain.

DOCKERS AGREE TO PEACE DEAL

Dockers agreed yesterday to a pay and conditions deal designed to guarantee the port of Bristol two years free from industrial trouble.

The 609 registered dock workers voted in favour of a 12 per cent. pay increase spread over two years, and in return have agreed to a series of reforms of industrial practices designed to give the port more

Medal and coin gang smashed in Russia

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

A CONVOLUTED crime story involving crooked coin collectors and an admiral murdered for his medals is unfolding slowly in Soviet newspapers.

Police say they have uncovered a gang of medal thieves moving from city to city, and smashed a medal and coin forgers' gang, headed by the former chairman of the coin collectors' society in Sverdlovsk.

The case of the crooked coin collectors began in July, 1983, when Vice-Adml Georgy Kholostyakov, 51, was found murdered in his Moscow flat. The only stolen item was the jacket of his uniform, with more than 20 medals attached.

Killers for trial

They included a Hero of the Soviet Union, three Orders of Lenin and three Orders of the Red Banner which Russians say could bring thousands of roubles on the collectors' black market.

Rumours circulated in Moscow for a year that the admiral, and perhaps also his wife, were murdered by medal thieves. This was confirmed last July by Mr Sergei Yemelyanov, 47, Chief Prosecutor of the Russian Federation.

He said the admiral's murder was connected with 40 other crimes involving the theft of medals, and that the killers would soon go on trial after a long and complex investigation. They came from outside Moscow, he told IZVESTIA.

Unofficial reports say police identified the killers after undercover agents put out word that an anonymous buyer was offering high prices for medals of all kinds. The thieves presented the admiral's medals for sale and were arrested.

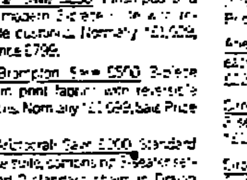
Nothing further has been reported of the trial, which the prosecutor said was imminent six months ago. But the newspaper SOVIETSKAYA KULTURA carried a small report recently which showed that wider investigations were in progress.

It said members of a gang led by the former head of Sverdlovsk's numismatists had been sentenced to undisclosed prison terms for forging, and illegal dealing in coins and medals and other items of jewellery worth more than 100,000 roubles (about £100,000).

Russians have always had a penchant for medals. The State awards some 45,000 annually to people at all levels, from political leaders to cosmonauts, sportsmen and factory workers.

Collecting medals and coins is a widespread hobby and Russians say some of the rarest medals fetch thousands of roubles each in illicit trading.

According to one unofficial estimate, the medals on the admiral's jacket could have had a black market value of up to £20,000.



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Arete: Save £251. Modern Italian styled 3-piece suite. Normally *£1,150, Sale Price £899.

Siroco: Save £504. Modern leather high-back 3-piece suite. Normally *£2,499, Sale Price £1,995.

Mexico: Save £654. Modern leather 3-piece suite. Normally *£1,753, Sale Price £1,099.

Carmen: Save £208. Modern high-back 3-piece suite in Dralon velvet. Normally *£957, Sale Price £749.

New Aristocrat: Save £34. Low-back easy chair in Dralon velvet. Normally *£199, Sale Price £165.

Arete: Save £125. Modern Italian styled 3-seater settee. Normally *£574, Sale Price £449.

Arete: Save £54. Modern Italian styled 2-seater settee. Normally *£450, Sale Price £396.

Arete: Save £54. Modern Italian styled easy chair. Normally *£289, Sale Price £235.

Siroco: Save £264. Modern leather 3-seater high back settee. Normally *£1,309, Sale Price £1,045.

Siroco: Save £220. Modern leather 2-seater high back settee. Normally *£1,089, Sale Price £869.

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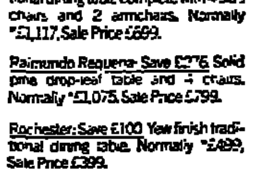
Chilet: Save £174. Black lacquer finish hi-fi unit. Normally *£689, Sale Price £515.

Chilet: Save £70. Wall hung black lacquer finish bar unit. Normally *£269, Sale Price £199.

Chilet: Save £246. Black lacquer finish 4-door sideboard. Normally *£945, Sale Price £699.

Verardo: Save £140. Number 3 lacquer finish sideboard in white. Normally *£699, Sale Price £559.



Rochester: Save £418. Yew finish traditional dining table complete with 4 side chairs and 2 armchairs. Normally *£1,117, Sale Price £699.

Raimundo Requena: Save £276. Solid pine drop-leaf table and 4 chairs. Normally *£1,075, Sale Price £799.

Rochester: Save £100. Yew finish traditional dining table. Normally *£499, Sale Price £399.

Corinthian: Save £34. White finish 3-drawer dressing table. Normally *£129, Sale Price £95.

Corinthian: Save £64. White finish padded continental headboard. Normally *£259, Sale Price £195.

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Montpelia: Save £50. Ash and pecan finish American styled sofa table. Normally *£239, Sale Price £189.

Montpelia: Save £70. Ash and pecan finish American styled cocktail table. Normally *£359, Sale Price £289.

Montpelia: Save £70. Ash and pecan finish American styled cocktail table. Normally *£339, Sale Price £269.

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Marsha: Save £64. Lacquer and brass finish step occasional table in choice of colours. Normally *£329, Sale Price £265.

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Marsha: Save £56. Lacquer and brass finish lamp table in choice of assorted colours. Normally *£295, Sale Price £239.

At last! A winter sale ad where it pays to read the small print.

Natasha: Save £228. Modern high-back 3-piece suite in plain velvets. Normally *£977, Sale Price £749.

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Nicola: Save £300. Modern buttoned 3-piece suite in velvet. Normally *£999, Sale Price £699.

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Gemma: Save £100. Pinstriped and plain modern 3-seater settee with reversible cushions. Normally *£499, Sale Price £399.

Gemma: Save £80. Pinstriped and plain modern 2-seater settee with reversible cushions. Normally *£449, Sale Price £369.

Gemma: Save £80. Pinstriped and plain easy chair with reversible cushions. Normally *£265, Sale Price £225.

Gemma: Save £24. Pinstriped and plain foot stool. Normally *£129, Sale Price £105.

New Brompton: Save £216. 3-seater settee in print fabric with reversible cushions. Normally *£575, Sale Price £349.

New Brompton: Save £206. 2-seater settee in print fabrics with reversible cushions. Normally *£535, Sale Price £329.

New Brompton: Save £87. Easy chair in print fabrics with reversible cushions. Normally *£262, Sale Price £155.

New Brompton: Save £20. Footstool in print fabric. Normally *£129, Sale Price £109.

New Aristocrat: Save £100. 3-seater high-back settee in Dralon velvet. Normally *£435, Sale Price £335.

New Aristocrat: Save £80. 2-seater high-back settee in Dralon velvet. Normally *£399, Sale Price £319.

New Aristocrat: Save £50. Standard easy chair in Dralon velvet. Normally *£275, Sale Price £225.

New Aristocrat: Save £50. Recliner easy chair in Dralon velvet. Normally *£289, Sale Price £239.

New Aristocrat: Save £100. Bed-settee in Dralon velvet. Normally *£579, Sale Price £479.

New Aristocrat: Save £70. 3-seater low-backed Chesterfield settee in Dralon velvet. Normally *£349, Sale Price £279.

New Aristocrat: Save £50. 2-seater low-backed Chesterfield settee in Dralon velvet. Normally *£299, Sale Price £249.

Canterbury: Save £100. Elegantly styled 3-seater settee in print. Normally *£549, Sale Price £449.

Canterbury: Save £84. Elegantly styled 2-seater settee in print. Normally *£459, Sale Price £375.

Canterbury: Save £50. Elegantly styled easy chair in print. Normally *£275, Sale Price £225.

Carmen: Save £110. Modern high-back 3-seater settee in Dralon velvet. Normally *£479, Sale Price £369.

Carmen: Save £100. Modern high-back 2-seater settee in Dralon velvet. Normally *£429, Sale Price £329.

Carmen: Save £49. Modern high-back easy chair in Dralon velvet. Normally *£239, Sale Price £190.

Richmond: Save £120. High-back 3-seater settee in quilted or Cavendish print. Normally *£569, Sale Price £449.

Richmond: Save £100. High-back 2-seater settee in quilted or Cavendish prints. Normally *£489, Sale Price £389.

Richmond: Save £60. High-back easy chair in quilted or Cavendish prints. Normally *£265, Sale Price £205.

Natasha: Save £80. Modern high-back 3-seater settee in plain velvet. Normally *£419, Sale Price £339.

Natasha: Save £80. Modern high-back 2-seater settee in plain velvet. Normally *£369, Sale Price £289.

Natasha: Save £74. Modern high-back easy chair in plain velvet. Normally *£279, Sale Price £205.

Amanda: Save £190. Traditional loose-cover 2-seater 3-piece suite in Sanderson print. Normally *£849, Sale Price £559.

Nicola: Save £150. Modern buttoned 2-seater settee in velvet. Normally *£499, Sale Price £349.

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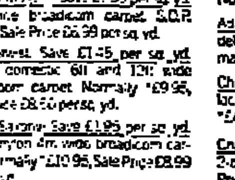

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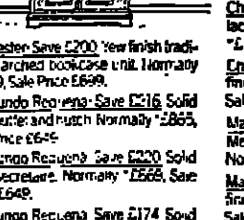

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Raimundo Requena: Save £174. Solid pine corner cabinet. Normally *£689, Sale Price £515.

Raimundo Requena: Save £125. Solid pine buffet. Normally *£495, Sale Price £369.

Raimundo Requena: Save £200. Solid pine armoire. Normally *£799, Sale Price £599.

Versailles: Save £310. Decorated mahogany finish reproduction wine cabinet. Normally *£1,559, Sale Price £1,249.

Versailles: Save £610. Decorated mahogany finish reproduction high board. Normally *£2,995, Sale Price £2,385.

Adam: Save £324. Mahogany finish deluxe reproduction sideboard. Normally *£1,589, Sale Price £1,265.

Chilet: Save £106. Wall hung black lacquer finish display unit. Normally *£425, Sale Price £319.

Chilet: Save £216. Black lacquer finish 2-door vetrine. Normally *£865, Sale Price £649.

Rochester: Save £26. Individual yew finish carver chair. Normally *£125, Sale Price £99.

Raimundo Requena: Save £46. Pine finish armchair. Normally *£175, Sale Price £129.

Raimundo Requena: Save £41. Pine finish dining chair. Normally *£165, Sale Price £124.

Raimundo Requena: Save £103. Solid pine drop-leaf dining table. Normally *£411, Sale Price £308.

Bapus: Save £74. Individually styled carver chair with swan head design. Normally *£359, Sale Price £285.

Versailles: Save £230. Decorated mahogany finish reproduction dining table. Normally *£1,129, Sale Price £899.

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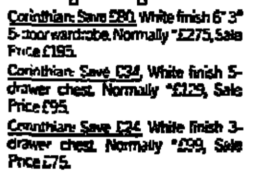

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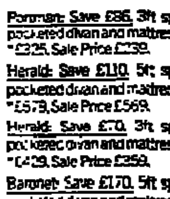
Portman: Save £140. 5ft sprung-edge pocketed divan and mattress. Normally *£535, Sale Price £395.



Portman: Save £86. 3ft sprung-edge pocketed divan and mattress. Normally *£325, Sale Price £239.

Herald: Save £110. 5ft sprung-edge pocketed divan and mattress. Normally *£579, Sale Price £569.

Herald: Save £70. 3ft sprung-edge pocketed divan and mattress. Normally *£429, Sale Price £359.

Baronet: Save £170. 5ft sprung-edge pocketed divan and mattress. Normally *£549, Sale Price £379.

Baronet: Save £110. 3ft sprung-edge pocketed divan and mattress. Normally *£339, Sale Price £229.

Royale: Save £110. 5ft sprung-edge divan with orbit sprung mattress. Normally *£735, Sale Price £625.

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PAY DAY: January 21.
BARGAINS TRANS: 23,078.
RISES: 110. FALLS: 936.
UNCHANGED: 734.
EQUITY TURNOVER (Jan. 2): Number of bargains 18,909; value £232·37 million. Shares traded: 126·4 million.

F.T. STOCK INDICES, January 3, 1985

	Index	Change	1984-85 High	Low
Indust. Ord.	928·7	−11·7	952·3	755·3
Govt. Secs.	81·00	−0·21	83·77	75·72
Gold Mines	451·3	−22·0	711·7	451·3
Fixed Int.	84·96	−0·31	87·48	80·43
Ord. Div. p.c.	4·63	+0·06	5·29	4·23
Earn Yld p.c.	11·77	−0·14	12·39	9·00
FT-SE 100:	1206·1	−13·9	1232·2	986·7

STOCK markets suffered a severe setback in early dealings yesterday as sentiment was adversely affected by increased concern about dearer money prospects, the oil price situation and the overnight fall on Wall Street.

With dealers also in nervous mood as a result of new worries about the course of sterling, the jobbing fraternity was on the defensive from the off and prices were marked down sharply against possible selling pressure.

Initial hopes that sellers would replenish short positions on the jobbing books proved awry and one leading dealer, whose price board was a sea of red at 9.45 a.m., admitted that he had seen very little selling.

This indication that investors were not to be panicked-out of good-class stock was subsequently underlined by the appearance of bargain-hunters, albeit on a highly selective basis. In the event, conditions quickly became calmer and prices picked-up from the worst.

Many dealers suggested that the market was in healthier condition after the reaction, particularly since the speculative position had been largely cleared, but there was still a basic worry that interest rates may have to be raised to afford protection to the pound, hence continued sensitivity at the close.

The indices closed above the worst, with the "30" index 11·7 down at 928·7, after 925·9, and the "100" index 13·9 off at 1,206·1 after 1,199·6.

The United Kingdom gold reserve figures, published around 2.30 p.m., were judged satisfactory and prompted a minor rally in gilt-edged stocks, but dealers were keeping a wary eye on Wall Street's early performance, which was hardly conducive to London buying interest.

Government securities suffered further losses extending to around £⅞ in early business as dealers talked about a possible rise in base rates, but many market experts were again saying that the authorities are unlikely to be rushed into such action. Initial selling was followed by a quiet period, but stock quotations then rallied by about £½ on study of the gold reserve figures.

Leading bank shares remained overshadowed by news of Midland Bank's problems with its Crocker subsidiary and **Midland** themselves reacted afresh to 330p before closing 10 down at 337p. **Barclays** ended 5 down at 559p, after 557p, **Lloyds** 7 off at 527p, after 525p, and **National Westminster** 5 lower at 589p, after 585p.

Bright features were few and far between, but **Hoskins & Horton** advanced 18 to 301p on the improved takeover offer from **Scottish Heritable**, unchanged at 60p. **Manchester Ship Canal** climbed to 245p on property development hopes before ending 8 better at 238p.

Imperial Group were lowered to 172p at the outset, but subsequent demand on Howard Johnson sale hopes left the shares 3 better at 179p.

There was late improvement in **B A T Industries**, which recovered from 332p to close firmer at 343p. **Trusthouse Forte** also attracted solid support and finished 2 better at 146p, after 142p, while **Jaguar** ended 4 down at 252p, after 250p, and **British Telecom** 1½ easier at 105p, after 104p.

In the financial sector, **Leopold Joseph**, at 253p, and **Mercury Securities**, at 438p, both reflected new demand and showed gains of 10, while **Charterhouse J Rothschild** were firmer at 103p, after 105p, on suggestions that the company was to buy its own shares. On the other hand, **Mercantile House** fell 12 to 333p and **Mills & Allen** 10 to 345p.

Sellers predominated in the drinks sector, but **J A Devenish** met speculative support and jumped 30 to 450p in thin market conditions. Falls of 6 to 8 were showing in **Allied Lyons**, at 154p, **Bass**, at 672p, **Matthew Brown**, at 288p, and **Arthur Guinness**, at 230p.

Sell advice in the QUESTOR column influenced trading in **Bath and Portland**, which ended 8 down at 292p, after 290p. Acquisition news left **Redland** 9 lower at 287p, while profit-taking left its mark on **Tarmac**, 14 lower at 498p.

Imperial Chemical Industries were sold down to 724p, a fall of 10, while **Grand Metropolitan** were similarly lower at 298p on the vendor placing to finance the United States acquisition.

Beecham Group suffered a knock to 375p, down 17, while **Fisons** lost 11 to 290p and **B T R** 8 to 604p, after 593p. **Hanson Trust** opened at 325p, but rallied well to 332p, only 2 easier.

It could hardly have been a worse day for the unlisted securities market debut of **Optometrics**, whose shares were placed at 56p.

The opening price was 56p, but the price slipped to 54p before closing at 55p. Recent newcomer, **Wardle Storeys** opened weaker at 176p, but renewed support on QUESTOR comment left the shares 4 better at 185p.

Industrial Finance were wanted at 146p, up 8, while there was late interest in **Redfearn National Glass**, 5 better at 71p. Profit-taking hit **Body Shop**, 25 down at 435p, and **Reliant Motor**, 7 off at 45p, but **Johnson Matthey** closed unchanged at 66p, after a low of 63p.

Litigation over the Sirius computer unsettled the market in **Applied Computer Techniques**, which closed 15 down at 255p, after 250p.

Eurotherm reacted 20 to 300p and **Standard Telephones & Cables** 12 to 276p, but **Sound Diffusion** rallied from a dull start at 116p to close firmer at 126p.

Phoenix Property advanced 6 to 58p on a director's increased holding, but **Tootal** lost 4½ to 60½p, after 59p, on the announcement that Entrad of Australia had reduced its holding from 12·8 million to 12·4 million.

Marks & Spencer fell to 111p, but recovered on a bear squeeze to close firmer at 116p. **Great Universal A** finished 5 off at 689p, after 680p, and **Burton** 7 lower at 409p, after 401p.

Oil price war worries brought losses of 7 to 10 in **British Petroleum**, at 473p, **Lasmo**, at 310p, **Britoil**, at 185p, and **Ultramar**, at 198p. Renewed takeover speculation saw **Burmah** buck the trend to close 2 firmer at 218p.

Gold shares suffered a further shake-out following renewed pressure on bullion, which ended $2 down at $305·50. **Vaal Reefs** dropped £3 to £67⅞, **Winkels** £1⅞ to £25½, **President Brand** £1½ to £21¼, and **F S Geduld** £¾ to £18½. Sellers also held the stage in **Charter Consolidated**, 8 off at 200p, and **R T Z**, 7 down at 583p.

Tailpiece

FOR those uncertain about market prospects over the next few months, the shares of stockjobbers Smith Bros seem an excellent defensive holding since turnover is of prime importance to jobbers and it does not matter whether the market is rising or falling.

With the Stock Exchange moving into a new era of bigger and more efficient operations, Smith Brothers has already made significant progress with the backing of merchant bankers N M Rothschild and a link-up with stockbrokers Scott Goff Layton.

On December 13, the firm announced record interim profits showing a pre-tax increase of 123 p.c. to £1·8 million and it seems likely that the benefits of heavy dealings in British Telecom will contribute to a strong result for the year. At 103p, Smith Bros shares offer a yield of 7 p.c. and a particularly attractive price-earnings ratio of 3·8. They look cheap.

BRITISH FUNDS

Short-dated (up to five years)

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
105⅛	100⅛	Treas. 15% 1985	£100⅛	..
107⅛	97⅛	Ex.12%Conv'85	£101⅛	−⅛
97⅛	93⅛	Treas. 3% 1985	£97⅛	..
102⅞	99½	Treas.11½% 1985	£101½*	−⅛
100⅜	96½	Treas.8¼%'84-86	£99⅛	−⅛
104	100	Exch. 13% 1985	£101¼	−⅛
107¼	95⅛	Exch. 11¼% 1986	£101	−⅛
102¼	96⅛	Treas.10% Cv'86	£99	−⅛
94	88⅛	Treas. 3% 1986	£92⅛	−⅛
102	96¼	Ex.10½% Cnv'86	£99¼	−⅛
104¼	98¼	Treas. 12% 1986	£101⅛	−¼
99⅛	93¼	Treas.6½%84-86	£96⅛*	−¼
111¼	102⅛	Exch. 14% 1986	£104⅛	−¼
99⅛	84½	Exch. 2½% 1986	£88⅛	−⅛
107¼	102½	Exch 13¼% 1987	£103⅛*	−⅛
100¼	94¼	Trs. 10½% Cv'1987	£98¼	..
87⅜	83⅛	Exch. 2½% 1987	£86⅛	..
101	94½	Exch. 10½% 1987	£98½	−¼
92⅛	87⅛	Fndg.6½% 85-87	£91⅛	−⅛
99⅝	93⅛	Treas. 10% 1987	£97½	−⅛
86¼	81¼	Treas. 3% 1987	£85⅛*	−⅛
104⅛	97¼	Treas. 12% 1987	£101½	−⅛
94⅛	87¼	Treas.7¾% 85-88	£92½*	−⅛
100⅜	92¼	Exch. 10½% 1988	£97⅛	−¼
98½	90¼	Treas. 9½% 1988	£95¼	−⅛
61⅛	77	Trans. 3% 78-88	£81⅛	−⅛
96⅛	88¼	Treas. 9¾% 1988	£94	−¼
106¾	94¾	Treas.11½% 1989	£100⅛	−⅛
96¼	87¼	Treas 9½% 1989	£93¼	−⅛
101⅛	90¾	Treas 10½% 1989	£97	−⅛
100¼	86⅜	Exch. 10% 1989	£95⅛*	−¼
101	94¼	Exch. 11% 1989	£98⅛	−¼
85	77¼	Treas. 5% 86-89	£81⅛	−⅛

Medium-dated (five to fifteen)

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
115⅛	100	Treas. 13% 1990	£108⅛*	−¼
110½	101½	Exch. 12½% 1990	£107¼	−½
96⅛	84⅝	Treas.8¼% 87-90	£90⅛	−¼
98⅛	90⅜	Treas.10% Cv'90	£95¼	−¼
108¼	94⅛	Treas. 11¾% 1991	£100⅛*	−¼
84	75½	Fndg.5¾% 87-91	£82⅛	−⅛
105⅛	93¼	Exch. 11% 1991	£99¼	−¼
113⅝	98⅛	Treas.12¾% 1992	£105⅛*	−¼
100½	86	Treas. 10% 1992	£96⅛	−⅛
101	94⅛	Treas.10½% Cv'92	£98⅛	−⅛
111	95¼	Exch. 12¼% 1992	£107½	−¼
117	106⅛	Exch. 13½% 1992	£112⅝	−¼
115⅜	98	Treas.12½% 1993	£104⅛*	−¼
79⅛	71	Fndg. 6% 1993	£78¼	−⅛
121¼	102½	Treas.13¾% 1993	£115¼	−¼
126¼	107⅜	Treas.14½% 1994	£121¼	−¼
120¼	106	Exch. 13½% 1994	£113	−¼
114¼	96⅛	Exch. 12½% 1994	£109⅛	−¼
94½	82⅛	Treas. 9% 1994	£88¼	−¼
110¾	94¾	Treas. 12% 1995	£101⅛*	−¼
64½	58¾	Gas 3% 1990-95	£63⅝	−⅛
100	85½	Exch. 10¼% 1995	£92⅛*	−¼
118	102⅜	Treas.12¾% 1995	£109½	−¼
125⅛	106½	Treas. 14% 1996	£114⅛*	−¼
94¼	83⅜	Treas. 9% 92-96	£89¼	−¼
134¼	117¼	Treas.15¼% 1996	£125½	−¼
122¼	106	Exch.13¼% 1996	£113⅜	−¼
69¼	62⅛	Redmption 3%	£68¼	−¼
121⅛	103⅛	Treas.13¼% 1997	£113¼*	−¼
104½	87⅛	Exch. 10½% 1997	£99⅛	−¼
92½	78	Treas. 8¾% 1997	£87½	−¼
134¼	117⅜	Exch. 15% 1997	£126½	−¼
98	84¼	Exch. 9¾% 1998	£90¼*	−¼
78	67⅛	Treas.6¾% 95-98	£73	−⅛
135¼	123	Treas 15½% 1998	£131⅛	−½
114½	99¼	Exch. 12% 1998	£106⅛	−½
96¼	83½	Treas.9½% 1999	£89¼*	−¼
116⅜	103¼	Exch.12¼% 1999	£110⅜	−¼
104½	90⅛	Treas.10½% 1999	£97⅛	−¼

Long-dated (over fifteen)

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
102½	89¼	Conv. 10¼% 99	£95¼	−¼
123⅛	105⅛	Treas. 13% 2000	£113¼*	−¼
128½	110½	Trea.14% 1998-01	£118⅛	−½
114⅛	98⅛	Exch. 12% 99-02	£106⅛*	−½
128⅛	110½	Tres. 13¾% 00-03	£118⅛*	−¼
115	101⅛	Treas.11½%01-04	£108⅛	−¼
51	43½	Fndg. 3½% 99-04	£47⅛*	−⅛
123⅞	107¼	Treas.12½%03-05	£115½	−¼
87¼	77⅛	Treas 8% 02-06	£82⅛	−¼
116⅛	99¼	Treas11¾% 03-07	£107¼*	−¼
132	117⅛	Tres. 13½% 04-08	£125⅛	−¼
65	56¼	Tres 5½% 08-12	£61½	−¼
88⅛	73	Treas 7¾%12-15	£78⅛*	−¼
124½	108¾	Exch12%2013-17	£117	−¼

Undated

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
26	22½	Consols 2½%	£24¼*	..
37½	32⅛	War Loan 3½%	£35¼	..
44¾	40½	Conversion3½%	£43	..
31⅛	27½	Treasury 3%	£29¼	..
41¾	36	Consols 4%	£38⅛*	..
26	23	Treasury 2½%	£26	..

Index linked

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
108¾	100¾	Treas. 2% 1988	£107¼	−¼
94¾	84¾	Treas. 2% 1990	£92½*	−¼
116⅛	98¾	Treas. 2% 1996	£109½	−¼
101½	88½	Treas. 2½% 2001	£99¾	−½
100¼	87	Treas. 2½% 2003	£98½	−½
104¾	90¼	Treas. 2% 2006	£101½*	−½
100¼	87¼	Treas. 2½% 2009	£98½	−½
106¼	91⅜	Treas. 2½% 2011	£104½	−½
97	89½	Treas. 2½% 2016	£94½*	−½
95	81¼	Treas. 2½% 2020	£93¼	−½

COMMONWEALTH & AFRICAN STOCKS

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
£124¼	£105	Aust. 13½% 2010	£114	−¾
£110¼	£103	N.Z. 14½% 1987	£106⅛	−⅛
£89⅛	£74¼	N.Z. 7½% 1988-92	£79¼	−½
£97	£85	S.Rh.4½% 87-92Aa	£97	..
£67	£52	S.Rh.6% 87-92Aa	£67	..
£375	£286	Zimbabwe Ann.	£305	..

CORPORATION STOCKS

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
£124	£110	Leeds 13½% 2006	£117¼	−½
£89¼	£83½	L.C.C. 5½% 85-87	£88¼	−½
£84⅛	£76¼	L.C.C. 6½% 88-90	£77¼	−½
£26½	£22	L.C.C. 3% 20 Aft	£23½	..
£126	£111	Swansea13½% 2006	£118⅛	−½

FOREIGN STOCKS

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
£95	£10	China 5% 1912	£26	..
£18	750	China 5% Boxer	£16	..
975	719	Commerzbank	927	−12
£52	£45	Greek 4% 1910	£52	..
£58	£48	Greek 7% Ref	£58	..
£55	£46	Greek Stab A	£55	..
£46½	£38½	Honda Motor	£42	..
£315	£300	Japan 4% 1910	£315	..
£56⅛	£27½	Volkswagen	£56⅛	−⅛

DOLLAR STOCKS

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
£26	£18	AlcanAluminm	£23½	..
£15⅛	£13¼	Amax	£14	−⅛
£33⅛	£18½	Amer. Express	£32½	−⅛
£25	£15¾	Bell Canada	£23	+⅛
£17¼	£10½	Bow Valley	£11⅛	+⅛
£18½	£10½	Bowater Inc	£17¾	..
£32¼	£21¼	Can. Pac. Ord	£32⅛	+¼
£28	£15½	Chrysler	£27⅛	−⅛
£43½	£29½	Du Pont	£43½	..
£39½	£26	Exxon	£39⅛	..
£49½	£32	General Foods	£48½	−⅛
£49¾	£29½	Gillette	£49⅛	−⅛
£12¼	835	Gulf Canada	987	..
£15⅛	£10⅛	Hudson Bay	£11¼	+¼
£108	£71⅛	I.B.M.	£108	−⅛
£10½	865	Inco	£10½	..
400	180	Massey Fergsn	255	+5
£18½	£12	Pan Canadian	£18½	+½
£19⅛	£14	Royal of Canada	£19⅛	−⅛
£48¼	£27½	Shell Oil	£48¼	−½
£36½	£26	Sperry Corp	£36½	..
700	413	Teck Corp 'B'	665	+15
£33½	£25½	Tenneco	£33	..
£23½	£15½	U.S. Steel	£22⅛	−⅛
£32½	£26⅛	Woolworth	£32¼	+⅛
£53¼	£32½	Xerox	£53¼	..

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
372	194	A.N.Z. Group	368	−4
178	120	Allied Irish	125	−3
100	70	Ansbacher H'y	73	..
325	145	Baltic	265	−2
346	240	Bk. of Ireland	250	−3
245	183	Bk Leumi (UK)	216	..
495	315	Bk of Scotland	490	−5
575	433	Barclays	559	−5
435	300	Brown Shipley	425	−5
551	405	Cater Allen	515	−5
31	21½	Cattle's Hldgs	24	..
125	75	C.J.Rothchild	103	+1
72	44	Clive Discount	69	−3
128	107	Com Bk Wales	112	..
81	62	First Nat. Fin	74	−1
348	250	Gerrard Nat	310	−5
60	42	Goode Dt Mry	46	..
66	44	Guinness Peat	57	..
195	120	Hambros	148	−5
348	235	Hill Samuel	318	..
92½	48	Hongk. Shang.	92½	+2
315	236	Joseph Leo	253	+10
178	124	King & Shax	170	−2
460	320	Kleinwort B.	375	−5
539	418	Lloyds	527	−7
62	48	Lon. Scot. Fin	57	..
42	25	Manson Finan	26	..
610	380	Martin R. P.	575	−5
590	388	Mercury Secs	438	+10
620	387	Midland	337	−10
360	153	N. Australia	345	−2
599	436	Nat. Westmr	589	−5
872	157½	Ottoman Bank	869½	..
195	142	Provident Fin	192	−3
100	78	Rea Bros. 'A'	78	..
256	194	Ryl Bank Scot	258	+2
910	625	Schroders	725	..
370	260	Seccombe Mah	330	..
71	47	Smith St. Abn	65	−2
575	440	Standrd Chart	470	..
765	620	Union Disco'nt	720	−5
64	41	Wagon Finan	52	−1
260	206	Westpac	245	−2
255	195	Wintrust	240	..

BREWERIES

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
174	137	Allied Lyons	154	−6
483	300	Bass	472	−6
45	30	Belhaven	42*	−1
177	139	Bell Arthur	156	−5
96	76	Boddingtons	86	−2
310	208	BrownM'thew	288	−3
55	39	Bucklers	51	..
232	185	Bulmer H. P.	140	−5
450	325	ClarkMatthew	455	−5
265	235	Davenports	247*	..
450	330	Devenish J.A.	450*	+30
317	244	Distillers	285*	−3
495	285	Fershaws Bur	420	−5
155	137	Greenall Whit	162*	..
190	140	Greene King	180*	−2
244	116	Guinness	230	−6
343	280	Hardy & Hans	325	..
67	51	Highland Dist	66	..
155	125	Invergordon	127	..
68	48	Marston Thom	61*	−1
381	306	z Merrydwn Wne	375	..
200	152	z Ruddle	158	..
138	95	Scottish & N'c	128½*	−2
455	268	S. A. Brewg	293	−7
34	17	Tomatin	—	..
261	201	Vaux Brews	258*	−2
216	187	Whitbread 'A'	213	−3
272	208	Wolverhamptn	270*	−2
380	225	Young 'A'	245	..

BUILDINGS & ROADS

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
357	188	AMEC	262	−2
60	38	Abbey Ltd	60	..
202	156	Aberdeen Cons	182	..
31	15	Allied Plant	20½	−1
76	38	Arncliffe Hlds	54	..
87	60	Attwoods	85	−1
616	122	Baggeridge Bk	208*	..
45	27	Bailey Benn	29	..
188	176	Barratt Devel	80	..
183	115	Bellway Ltd	130	..
150	98	z Berkeley Grp	150*	..
54	50	Bett Bros	50	..
556	375	Blockleys	665	..
486	358	Blue Circle	470	..
397	235	B.P.B. Indust	288	−9
216	182	BreedonCloud	182	..
70	48	Brit. Dredging	57	−1
93	15	Brown & Jack	17	−1
70	37	Brownlee	68	..
77	59	Bryant Hldgs	74	−3
205	125	Burnett & Hlsh	150	−5
95	50	Cakebread R'A'	52	−1
86	58	Carr John	65	..
65	46	Cement Rdstn	51	..
64	43½	Conder Int	46	..
38	23	Copson F.	30	..
366	232	Costain Group	364	−2
248	174	Countryside	214	..
90	65	Crouch D.	90	..
108	48	Dew George	60	−2
67	59	Douglas R.M.	57	..
23	11½	z Dunton Grp	20	..
85	65	Erith & Co	64	..
115	83	Feb Intnl 'A'	88	−2
105½	70	Finlan John	93	−2
152	111	French Kier	136	−5
78	37	Galliford	68	..
225	163	Gleeson M.J.	225	..
122	95	HAT Group	103	−1
78	23	Helical Bar	28	..
282	188	Henderson J.P.	280	−2
40	28	Hendersmart	34	−1
160	102	Herw'd Wins	114	−1
335	230	Higgs & Hill	282	−2
146	110	I.L.C.	138	..
225	162	Instone Jhnsn	263	−2
310	229	Jarvis J.	310	..
125	72	z Johnstone Pt	75	..
226	136	Laing J. 'A'	221	−3
294	195	Latham J.	280*	..
214	196	Lawrence W.	214	..
161	135	Leech Wm	132*	−2
55	15½	Leyland Pnts	32	−1
90	60	Lilley F.J.C.	62	−2
109	88	z Linsi'dale	97	..
220	156	Lovell Y.J.	215	−2
160	105	Marnel Sthrn	126	−2
178	145	Manders	162	−1
266	184	Marchwiel	264	−2
122	89	Maunders Jn	121	..
100	78	May & Hassell	88*	−1
245	173	McC'y & Stone	250*	−10
159	87	z Mclngh & Har	98	..
157	90	Meyer Intnl	126*	..
96	66	Milbury	82	−2
27	15	Miller S.	17	−1
135	105	Mont A.	115*	..
235	164	Mowlem J.	220	..
635	478	Newarthill	600	..
147	107	Nott'hm Brick	147	..
146	94	Phoenix Timb.	144*	−2
488	350	R.M.C.	394	−6
25	17½	Raine Ind	18	..
374	215	Redland	287	−9
150	105	Roberts Adlard	112	..
58	37	Rowlinson Cnst	55	..
283	190	Ruberoid	208	−2
141	95	Rugby Cement	126	−2
163	110	SGB Group	140	−8
71	57	Sharpe & Fisher	63	..
62	47	Smart J.	51	−1
528	408	Tarmac	498	−16
382	285	Taylor Wodrw	365	−5
121	76	Tilbury Group	116	..
375	257	Travis & Arnld	280	−5
100	66	Trent Hldgs	98	..
294	215	Turriff Corpn	293	..
166	123½	UBM Group	148	−1
40	27	Vectis Stone	30	−1
171	120	Vibroplant	143	−2
155	65	Ward Holdgs	136	−4
103	80	Warrington T.	80	..
210	162	Watts Blake	208	..
88	64	Western Bros	72	..
82	31	Wiedner Group	41	..
200	156	Wilson Connly	198	..
160	95	Whimpey G.	110	−5

* ex-div † ex-scrip ‡ ex-rights § ex-all — quotation temp suspended ¶ ex-capital return z unlisted security ° Tax free to non-residents

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
232	146	Allied Colloids	230	−2
344	202	Amersham	335	−4
190	86	Anchor Chem.	170	−1
94	45	Arrow Chem.	88	+1
115	84	Brent	105	−1
17	10½	Bt. Benzol'bn	10½	−1
121	77	Canning W.	94	−1
252	162	Coalite	251	−1
158	85	Coates Bros	154	−4
36	21	Cory Horace	33½	..
133	92	Croda	125	−2
220	156	Ellis & Everard	220	−2
107	59	Halstead J.	71	−1
455	338	Hickson Int	450	−5
746	531	I.C.I.	724	−10
405	235	Laporte Inds	398	−4
112	60	Leichinterests	107	−1
187	120	Morcean	186	..
56½	37	z Morier R.H.	43	..
110	82	Mng. Robert	106	..
113⅜	900	Norsk Hydro	£9¼	..
239	137	Plysu	230*	−1
157	120	Rentokil	158	−2
114	90	Stewart Plast.	91	..
180	117	WolstnhmeRk	172	−2
70	36	Yrkshire Chem	64	−1

CINEMAS & TV

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
172	152	Anglia 'A'	162	..
248	184	z Central TV	207	..
152	99	H.T.V.	128	..
301	182	L.W.T. 'A'	287	..
158	60	z Radio City	60	..
37	24	TSW	32	..
70	36	z TV Facilities	70	..
157	79	TVS	155	..
162	128	Trident TV	182	..
101	53	Ulster TV	92	..

DRAPERY & STORES

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
19½	8½	Amber Day	11	..
55	31½	AquascutumA	52	..
114	88	Beattie J.	105	−2
81	40	Bentalls	78	−2
62	40	Bremner	57	..
278	184	Brit. Home Str	266	−5
325	150	Brown N.	325*	..
418	212	Burton Group	409*	−7
76	59	Cantor 'A'	68	..
47	27	Casket S.	45	−5
57	49	z Castle (GB)	49	..
94	46	CombEng.Str.	93	..
300	170	z Cornell Hlds	195	−5
145	88	Courts 'A'	105	..
218	141	Debenhams	205	−5
46	18	z De Brett (A)	18	..
115	81	Dewhurst (J.I.)	92	−3
575	317	Dixons Group	556	−6
275	89	Dunhill Hldgs	272	−3
84	34½	Ellis & Goldstn	77	−½
98	68	Empire Stores	92	−4
145	105	Etam	144	..
80	47	Fine Art Dev.	76	−1
51	21	Ford Martin	25	−½
172	140	Forminster	145*	−3
148	104	Foster Bros	112	−2
178	84	Freemans	170	−5
398	145	z French Con.	355	−5
190	120	z Gee Cecil	175	..
97	71	Gelfer A. J.	82	..
210	140	Gent S. R.	146	..
101	51	Goldberg 'A'	57	−2
18	10½	Goodman Bros	15½	..
158	64	Grattan	152	−4
704	493	Gt. Univ. Strs	699	−5
694	493	Gt. Univ. Str A	689	−5
50	30½	Greenfield Blcks	47	..
402	254	Habitat	380*	−8
226	130	Harris Q'way	206	−2
80	63	z Heelamat	78	..
28	16½	Helene (Lond)	25½	−1
168	79	Hepworth J.	171*	−5
30	22	Hollas	26	..
271	124	Home Charm	264	+2
316	209	Hse. of Fraser	312	−2
94	66	Jones Ernest	84	..
55	33	z Kent (John)	53	..
148	100	Lee Cooper	107	..
153	96	Lincroft Klgre	150	..
263	136	MFI	255	−7
135½	108	Marks & Spen.	116	+1
240	153	Menzies J.	233	−2
142	120	Milletts Leisre	123	..
365	230	Moss Bros	335	..
124	70	NSS News	108*	..
280	160	Oliver G. 'A'	275	−5
331	200	Our Price	335	..
187	137	Owen Owen	185	..
98	84	Peters Stores	96	..
117	71	Preedy Alfred	104*	−4
56	38½	Ratners Jewel	58	..
49	34	Raybeck Ltd	39	..
117	84	Reed AustinA	111	−1
25	18	S & U Stores	21	..
95	68	Samuel H. 'A'	86	..
17¾	10½	Selincourt	14½	..
175	118	Smith WH 'A'	166	−4
50	34	Stanley A. G.	44	+1
151	90	Stead & Sim 'A'	161	+3
146	73	Stonebury Grp	75	−1
75	49¼	Stirling Group	69	−2
190	47	SumrieClothes	68	−2
417	255	Superdrug	393	−9
53	34	TernConsulate	50	−1
33½	24½	Time Products	27	−½
270	164	Vantona Viyel	268	−4
215	101	Ward White	210	−6
151	91	Waring & Gllw	114	..
595	337	Woolworth	570	−8

ELECTRICAL & RADIO

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
555	392	A.B. Electron	535	−3
158	73	z A.G. Secs	86	..
193	60	z Acorn Comp.	65	−2
475	330	z Air Call	445	..
119	103	Alphameric	115	..
124	64	Amstrad	74	−3
170	29	Arlen Electric	37	−3
360	240	Atlantic Compt	355	−5
29½	7	Audiotronics	7½	−½
232	132	Automated Sec	158	−5
287	208	B.I.C.C.	233	−5
315	132	B.S.R.	137	−3
413	243	Bowthorpe	407	..
30	9	z BrevilleEuro	12	..
267	138	z BritalGroup	250	−2
86	62	BrwnBvriKnt	80	−1
30	21½	Bulgin A.F'A'	30	..
205	110	z CPS Comput	158	+3
88	62	z CPU Compts	82	−2
448	280	Cable & Wirles	445	−2
405	255	Cambr'ge Elec	372	−5
332	125	C.A.S.E.	294	−11
38	33	Chloride Grp	36	−1
124	15	z Clifer	19	+1
140	88	z Circaprint	133	..
225	120	Comcap	205	−2
133	125	z Comsoft	128	..
490	309	z Cont. Micro	485	..
230	210	Cray Elect.	217	..
283	193	Crystalate	228*	−9
628	225	Currys	614	+2
93	74	Dale Electric	83	−1
110	87	Dataserv	98	−1
25	14	Dewhurst Ord	16	..
24	13½	Dewhurst 'A'	15	..
75	51	Dowding & Mill	66	..
802	132	Dubilier	200*	−2
375	233	Electrocomps	320	−6
58	34	Elec. Machine	37	..
82	37	Elec. Rentals	48	−1
190	119	Emess Light'g	190	..
50	34	Energy Serv	38	..
305	280	EurothermInt	300	−20
44½	17	FKI	44	−½
323	153	Farnell Elect	181	..
255	104	Feedback	115	..
188	125	Ferranti	166	−2
138	96	FstCastle Elec	115	−2
58	26	Forward Tech	31	..
236	160	G.E.C.	212	−4
440	255	Goring Kerr	455	−2
173	131	Grosvenor Grp	170	−2
88	48	Highland Elec	76	−4
17	9	Humbrsde Ele	10	..
314	176	Intl. Signal	304	+2
320	190	Kode Internti	190	−10
440	288	Lec Refrigertn	310	..
435	280	Logica	382	−8
375	257	M.K. Electric	310	−3
370	225	Memec	305	+2
505	215	Micro Business	215	−10
555	513	Micro Focus	570	−20
200	75	z Microvitec	75	−10
275	180	Miles 33	210	..
£11⅝	315	Mitel	500	+12
178	126	Muirhead	156	−2
155	75	Multitone	82	..
150	115	Murray Tech	118	..
99½	69	N E I	85½	−2
33	15	Newman Inds	20½	..
227	170	Newmark L.	195	..
293	103	Oceonics	125	−5
333	242	Oxford Inst	302	−5
58	39	Petbow	46	..
48	30	Phicom	38	−1
£13¾	947	Philips Lamps	£13⅛	+⅛
180	120	Pifco 'A'	145	..
249	188	Plessey	202	−4
290	230	z Powerline	265	−5
285	143	Pressac	164	−1
80	30	Quest Autom	80	..
285	190	Racal Elecs	256	−4
187	48	ResourceTech	50	..
150	64	Rotaflex	147	−3
180	127	Sarasota Tec	166	−1
455	250	Scholes G. H.	405	−8
133	93	Scusa	100	..
380	70	SecurityCentr	185	..
162	111	Sound Diffusn	126	+2
290	256	S.T.C.	276	−12
147	132	Stone Intnl	140	−2
16	7	z Sunleigh Ele	10	..
157	91	Suter	118	..
485	322	Systems Desgn	465	−5
475	260	Systems Relbly	250	..
510	378	z TDS Circuits	510	+5
58¼	24	Telefusion	54	−1
380	225	Telemetrix	330	−8
230	158	Tele Rentals	208	−5
702	385	THORN EMI	452	−9
350	203	z Tunstall Tele	350	..
308	255	Unitech	273	−7
346	200	Unitd Leasing	345	−3
325	177	Utd. Scientific	265*	..
283	150	VG Instrumts	254	−2
80	35	Vitatron N.V.	60	..
140	97	Volex	136*	−2
177	119	z Webber Elec	172	..
44	32	Western Selec	40*	−1
350	245	WholesaleFitt	310	..
135	115	Wigfall H.	117	..
215	152	Wordplex	162	−4
62	13	z Xylix	13	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
165	57	Abercom Inv.	67	−3
334	238	Abingworth	280	−4
189	120	Aitken Hume	130	−2
550	345	Akroyd & Smithr	385	−6
225	80	Antofagasta Hld	215	−5
330	220	Aust. Agric	285	..
105	72	Barlow Hldgs	100	..
15½	10	Barris Invest	15½	..
£11	£10	Biotechnlgy Inv	£10¼	..
107	67	Boustead	70	−1
92	57	Britannia Arr.	88	+1
340	80	Centreway Tst	135	..
150	115	El Oro	134	+4
634	360	Exco Intnl	633	−10
15½	12½	Ex Lands	16½	..
85	35	Exploratn Co	74	+4
875	670	z Framlingt Gp	780	+30
110	76	Frost J. & D.	78	−5
38½	23	Hampton Trs	32	−½
630	355	Hudson Admin	590	+2
395	274	Inchcape	382	−3
94	46	Ivory & Sime	94	..
23	14	Kwahu	19	..
17	10½	London & Ass	16	..
45½	20½	Lond. Inv. Tst	31½	..
745	595	M & G Hldgs	745*	..
118	75	Majedie Inv	118	..
457	245	MercantileHse	333	−12
350	315	Mills & Allen	345	−10
231	156	Newmarket	180	−5
45	21	Paramble	45	..
170	105	Park PlaceInv	125	..
122	71	Smith Bros	103*	−2
213	190	Transcont Ser	205	..
230	175	Yule Catto	200	..

FOOD & CATERING

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
25	17	Alpine Soft Dr	26*	..
270	149	Argyll Group	262	−8
204	148	Ass. Brit. Foods	198	−6
186	116½	Assoc. Dairies	166	−4
100	75	Assoc. Fish	88	−2
570	417	Avana Group	568	−8
235	176	Banks Sidney	205	..
12½	8	Barker & Dbsn	9½	..
176	86	Bassett Foods	145	−8
90	58	Batlers of Yk	84*	−8
142	103	Belam Group	140	−2
200	148	Beristrd S&W	182	−3
132	35	z Bio-Isolates	40	−5
88	55	Blue Bird Conf	72	..
36	14	Borthwick T.	25*	−1
39	22	Bt. Vending	29	..
170	98	Brooke Bond	124	..
164	116	CadburySchwp	160	−9
80	35	z Canvermoor	65*	−2
174	97	Carr's Milling	113*	..
150	125	ClfordDairies	130	..
150	125	ClfordDarsA	116	..
510	395	Cullens Stores	470	+5
232	106	Dee Corpn	197	−9
85	17	England J.E.	20	+1
115	75	Fisher A.	101	−2
197	148	Fitch Lovell	196	−1
110	79	z Freshbake	101	−1
296	175	Glass Glover	290	−5
170	144	Greggs	168	..
935	515	Hazlewoods	915	−15
340	204	Hillards	336	−4
66	46	Home Farm	69	..
185	157	z Hunter Saph	178	..
176	176	Kennedy Brook	256	−2
200	153	Kwik Save	176	−4
95	36	Lennons	85	..
120	70	Lovell G.F.	70	..
280	156	Matthews B.	265	−5
285	220	Maynards	280	..
96	75	MeatTradeSup	80	..
216	142	Morrison Wm	192	−2
76	60½	Mt. Charlotte	76	..
£45⅝	£27½	Nabisco	£44⅛	−¼
287	174	Nichls Vimtol	263	−4
77	46	Normans Grp	77	+2
212	168	NorthrnFoods	206	−4
172	110	Nurdin & Peack	170	−2
111	74	Park Foods	110	..
262	152	PykeHoldings	282	..
58	32	Queens Moat	58	..
138	75	Rank Hovis	133	−5
385	227	Rowntree Mac	358	−7
308	227	Sainsbury J	292	−4
41	28	Somportex	28	..
46	27	Squirrel Horn	35	..
163	86½	Stakis Group	182	..
445	313	Tate & Lyle	430	−8
59	35	TavenerRutld	32	..
240	154	Tesco	232*	−5
317	290	Tongaat	290	..
150	113	Unigate	142	−2
197	134	Utd. Biscuits	194	−3
100	87	Watson & Philp	99	−1

INDUSTRIALS

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
130	100	A.A.H.	128	−1
115	67½	A.E.	113*	..
267	204	AGB Research	243	−4
121	93	AIM Group	116	−8
373	297	A.P.V. Hlds	330	..
76	46	Aaronson Bros	73	−1
56	14½	Aberforth	46	−7
32	12	z AdamLeisure	13	..
168	116	Adwest	160	−4
375	183	A.G.I.	330	−5
118	92	Amari	116	−1
85	54	Amber Indust	56	−3
52	24	AngloNordic	28	..
560	400	Ang. Trans Ind	400	..
45	36	Appledre A&P	38	..
290	170	Applied Comp	255	−15
39½	20	ArensonGroup	24	..
29	16½	Armour Trust	18½	−½
490	430	Ash & Lacy	430	..
29	12	Ashley Ind	18	..
155	100	z Aspinal Hld	102	−4
182	102	Ass. Brit Ports	184	−2
323	270	Assoc. Heat	305	..
881	532	Assoc. Manc	535	..
50	36	Ass. Telecom	—	..
15	7½	Astra Inds	8¼	−½
31	12	Aurora 9%CnP	17½	..
233	144	Avon Rubber	221	−6
45	26	Ayrshire Met	31	..
75	38	BBA Group	58	..
307	222	BOC Group	249	−7
614	410	BTR	604	−16
173	128	Babcock Int	139	−9
357	253	Baird Wm	340	..
174	116	Baker Perkins	163*	−2
70	44	BanroCons	54	..
15¼	2½	Barbican Hlds	4½	..
15½	9½	Bardsey	5½	..
37	11	Barget Ltd	[illegible]	..
355	245	BarhamGroup	325	−5
520	440	Barlow Rand	456	−2
110	84	Barr & Wall 'A'	86	..
43	31	Barrow Hepb.	43½	..
302	145	Bath & Portlnd	292	−8
198	131	Beatson Clark	147	−5
80	60	Beauford Grp	68	+2
390	285	Beecham	375	−17
£13½	£11	BellairCosmtic	—	..
62	38	Benlox	51	−2
116	76	Berisfords	112*	..
375	257	Bestobell	340	−2
62	45	BETEC	61	..
295	200	Bibby J.	285	−5
155	126	Biddle Hldgs	148	..
28	11	z Blomechs	13	−2
95	49	Birmid Qualct	86	−2
237	166	BirmhamMint	216*	..
80	60	Black Arrow	86	..
300	140	Black P.	200	+7
95	30	Blackwd Hdg	36	..
138	98	Blagden Inds	134	..
83	44	z Blue Arrow	126	−6
131	121	Blundell Pem	170	..
205	54	Bodycote Intn	83	..
234	180	Booker	225	−7
170	110	Boosey & Hkes	132	..
380	243	Boot Henry	310	..
214	141	Boots	187	−2
8½	5	Boulton Wm	5½	..
216	140	Bowater Inds	216	+1
59	35	BrahamMillar	50	..
177	116	Brathwite & Co	115*	..
126	143	Brammer	282	..
45	28	Brasway	46	−½
96	48	Brengreen Hld	56*	..
67	46	Brickhse Dud	65	−1
114	69	Bridon	112	−3
104	73	Bridport Gndry	100	−2½
249	225	z Brit. Bloodst	232	..
313	285	B.E.T.	290	−7
138	81	Brit. Sm. Spe.	130*	+2
100	56½	Brit. Syphon	94	−5
86	59	Brit. Tar	80	−1
205	150	Brit. Vita	162	−5
395	292	BrokenHillPty	361	−4
82	74	Brook St. Bur	80	..
130	87	Brown & Tawse	125	−5
36	15	Brown John	20	−1
128	50	BruntonsMuss	68	−1
495	330	Bullough	427	..
37	17	Burco Dean	19	..
112	48	Burgs ProdOrd	112‡	..
52½	31½	BurnsAnderson	43*	−1
77	55	z Business Co	58	..
30	13	Butterfd Hrvy	18½	..
60	37	C.H. Industrial	46	−1
38½	17½	Camford Eng	30	−½
45	22	Campari	32	..
117	31½	Caparo Inds	38	..
48	25	Cape Indust	34	−1
168	102	Carclo Eng	170	+2
127	91	Cartwright R.	113	..
45	26	Celestion Inds	32	−½
14	7	Cen & Sheerwd	10	−½
38¼	20	Centreway Ltd	25½	+½
82	42	Chamberlin Ph	76	−1
155	95	Channel Tunl	130	..
605	400	Chemring	460	..
480	284	Christies Intl	470	−4
49	31	Christie-Tyler	39	..
42	28	Christy Bros	36	..
156	97	Clarke Clemnt	108	−1
115	35	Coln Inds	80	..
188	116	Cole Group	150	−2
33	22	Comfort Hotls	28	..
23	11	Comtech	23	−1½
62½	48	Concentric	62½	..
40	25	Controlatlonry	25	..
64	38	Cook Wm	54*	..
475	339	CooksonGroup	460	−5
18½	8½	Cooper Indus	11	..
138	76	Cope Allman	134	−4
81	43	Copsoll	63	..
215	95	Courtney Pope	213	+5
38	30	Cowan de Grt	35	..
109	71	Crest Nich	90	−2
150	98	Crown House	138*	..
480	257	DPCE	430	..
480	370	Dalgety	470	−7
213	142	Davies & Nwm	162	−5
36	15	Davy Corpn	82	−3
800	558	De La Rue	800	..
108	64½	Delta Group	105	−2
117	84	Deritend Stp	106*	−2
140	75	Desoutter	133	−2
563	403	Diploma Ltd	463	−9
87	63	Dobson Park	84	−3
130	81	Dominion Intl	86	..
65	28	Double Eagle	28	..
68	38	Dufay Bitum	40	−1
£11	640	Duncan Gdrck	£11	..
46	24	Dunlop	—	..
48	24½	Duport	29	..
38	16	Dwek Group	16	..
375	174	Eastern Prod	372	−5
127	90	Edbro (Hldgs)	108	−2
99	70	Eibar Indust	45	..
99	70	Eleco	99	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	E.I.S.	161	..
£26¼	£20	Electrolux B	£23½	−½
84	37	Elliott B.	81	−1
88	46	Elson & Robbs	81	..
11¼	6	ElswickHoppr	10¼	−½
288	201	EngChina Clay	253	−2
38	28	Epicure Hldgs	35½	..
176	115	z Equipu	160	−3
136	80	Erskine House	90	+2
122	82½	Europ. Ferries	125½	−3
131	97	Eur Ferries Pf	102	−2
158	121	Evered	158	−3
144	102	Evode Hldgs	116	−4
63	40	Expamet	82	−1
353	215	Extel	288	+1
63	38	Falcon Ind	41	..
150	94	Farmer S. W.	94	..
36	24	Peedex	34	−2
133	95	Fenner J. H.	154	..
188	130	Ferguson Ind	152	..
143	118	Fife Indmar	125	..
124	79	Finlay Jas	122	−1
65	40	Finlay Packng	46	+1
230	160	First Leisure	228	−2
14	3½	Fst Pacific Inc	4	..
27½	15½	Firth G. M.	27	−½
303	170	Fisons	290	−11
156	95	FletcherChall	127	..
86	41	Flexello	80*	..
136	81	Fobel Intnl	34*	..
78	44	Fogarty E.	65	..
21½	17	Folkes H.n.v.	21	..
198	144	Fosoco Min. Sp	176	−1
132	104	Fothergill & H	141	−3
152	74	Francis Indust	129	..
100	88	French Thos	85	−2
190	160	Friedland Dgt	167	+7
92	62	GEI Internati	89	−1
79½	47	GRA Group	58½	−½
250	185	G. R. (Holdgs)	203	..
65	40	Garton Engrg	56	..
118	50	Gestetner 'A'	57	−2
94	53	Gieves Group	74	..
215	152	Gill & Dufus	163	−3
£11	700	Glaxo Holdgs	£10⅛	−⅛
168	128	Glynwed	165	−1
36	19	Gomme Hldgs	33	..
110	70	Grampian Hlds	89	..
226	142	Granada	188	−4
356	269	Grand Met	298	−10
45	21	Greenbank	32	..
216	156	G.K.N.	190	−3
244	158	Haden	194	..
152	105½	HallEngrin'ng	114	..
306	216	Hall Matthew	304	−2
238	160	Hallite	165	..
207	135	Halma	205*	−2
39	21½	Hampson Inds	18½	..
56	15½	Hanlimex Corp	32	..
160	115	Hanover Inv	130	..
343	162	Hanson Trust	332	−2
100	66	Hargreaves	93	..
126	94	Harris Phillip	126	..
431	332	Harrison & Cr	421	−4
474	359	H'wker Siddly	425	..
189	60	Hawley Group	84	−2
18¼	[illegible]	Hawtin	14½	−½
42	[illegible]	Hay Norman	72	..
39	[illegible]	Henara	56	..
105	[illegible]	HepwrthCrmic	141	−2
157	[illegible]	Hestair	56	..
78	[illegible]	Hewitt J.	68	−2
115	45	Hill & Smith	67	..
70	44	Hollis Bros	64	−1
73	33	Holt Lloyd	68	..
135	[illegible]	Hopkinsons	128	−1
185	108	Horizon Trav	135	−2
23½	6	Howard Mach	7½	..
85	65½	Howden Grp	67	..
30	16	Humphries Hld	22	..
115	43½	Hunter	115	+3
375	163	HuntingAssoc	200	..
211	80	Hutchsn Wmp	212	+7
36	17	Hyman I.&J.	28½	−2½
380	190	Imp. Cold Stre	200	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	IMI	89	−1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ingall Inds	64	..
515	363	Initial	513*	−2
118	76	Insitch	92	−2
153	84	Intasun	124*	−3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Int. City Inv	39	−1
390	239	z InterEurpTch	390	..
8	3	z Intervision	13	+1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Jacks Wm	82	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Jackson J&HB	68	..
131	55	Jardine Mthsn	97	−2
19	8	Johnson & Firth	12	−½
467	307	Johnson Clnrs	426	..
287	63	JohnsonMatthy	66	..
300	140	Johnston Grp	175	−2
54	30	Jones & Shipman	42	−1
145	111	Jones Stroud	132	..
120	80	Jourdan Thos	120	..
200	126½	Juliana's Hld	195	−8
54	18	Kalamazoo	27	..
18	11½	Keep Tst	18	−½
180	150	Kelsey Indust	166	..
148	78	KennedySmale	112	..
107	107	Kirsch	130	..
200	125	Kitchn Taylor	165	−5
109	77	L.C.P.	94‡	−4
182	188	LEC Internatl	132	−2
182	88	Ladbroke	267	−4
84	24	Ladies Pride	27	−1
151	94	Laird Group	143	−2
58	29	Lake & Elliott	57	−1
57	42	Lawtex	57	..
27½	15	Lee Arthur	24½	−½
42	32	Leisuretmeinti	64	..
157	86	Lep Group	188	−2
48	43	Llnread	51	..
43	37	Lloyd F. H.	56	−1
51½	16½	Locker Thos	23	+1½
25	18½	Locker T. 'A'	22	+½
177	118	Lon. Mid. Ind	178	−1
98	65	Lon. & North	78½	−1½
347	179	Lon.Park Htls	343	..
90	52	Longton Inds	87*	−2
170	107	Lonrho	164	−2
250	138	Low & Bonar	236	−8
37½	9	M.J.I.	10½	−½
355	347	M. L. Holdgs	340	−8
51	35	M S Intnl	46	..
30	18	M. Y. Dart	22	..
158	132	Macarthys P.	144	..
176	134	MacfarlaneGp	175	..
156	117	M'gnmt Agcy	150	..
270	160	Man. ShipCan	238	+8
61	35	Manse Bronze	63	−2
98½	65	Marley	96	−1
61	40	Marling Inds	52*	..
228	174	MarshallHalfx	228*	..
63	42	Marshalls Un	62	−1
30	22	Martin Black	—	..
300	212	Martonair	300	..
159	110	McKechnie	134	..
138	73	Medminster	137	−1
65	31	Meggitt	64	−1
345	108	Messina	108	−5
402	298	Metal Box	390	−4
218	128	MetalClosures	146	−4
59	38	Metalrax	59	+1
133	85	z MidlandMart	90	..
220	139	z Miss World	198	..
70½	45	Mitch. Cotts	70½	..
58	33	Mitchell Som	58*	+1
65	17	z Mnemos	40	..
151	103	Molins	144	−4
192	130	Morgan Cru	190	−2
71	53	Myson Group	69	..
65	40	Nash Inds	42	..
16	15	z Nation Leare	23	..
18	9½	Neepsend	10	−½
47	30	Neil & Spencer	39	..
135	41½	Neill James	134	−2
101	79	Newman Tnks	98	..
46	9	z Nimslo	18	..
184	132	Norcros	161*	−3
25	12	NorfolkCpHtls	24½	..
71	55	Nu-swift	65	..
50	35	Ocean Wilson	47	..
190	133	Office & Elect	165	..
£12¼	550	OK Bazaars	660	−20
875	650	Oriflame	550	..
31½	14½	z OwnersAbr'd	21	..
204	146	Parker KnollA	165	..
56	34	z Parkfield Fy	52*	..
152	109	Paterson-Zoc	153	−2
287	197	Pauls	208	−5
32	12	Pavilion Leis	18	..
530	405	Pearson S.	578	−2
300	215	Pegler Hatt	264	−4
280	214	Pentland Inds	298	−2
56	17	Pentos	56	..
£10½	545	Photo-Me	£10¼	..
307	227	PilkingtonBrs	305‡	+5
130	57	z Pineapple D.	88*	−2
80	46	Planet Group	62	..
58	35	Plastic Cons	52	..
9	6	Platignum	8	−½
147	105	z Platon	133	−3
420	285	Pleasurama	366	−10
420	182	Polly Peck	207	−6
19	6	Polymark	11	..
610	470	Portals	495	..
134	75	PorterChadbn	110	..
443	258	PowellDuffryn	431	−4
60	25	Pratt F.	48	..
9	5	Priest B.	8¼	..
121	56	Prince of Wles	98	..
135½	92	Pritchard Serv	96½	−1
45	25	z Prosimeter	35	..
365	227	R.E.A. Holds	300	..
126	86	R.F.D. Group	101	−1
125	95	R.H.P.	95*	−2
23½	13½	RTD	16½	..
118	75	RadiantMetal	73	..
118	75	z Ramco Oil	73	..
294	182	Rank Org	280	−4
410	280	Ransome Sims	412	+2
578	417	Reckitt & Clmn	555	−10
110	45	Redfearn Nat	71*	+5
15½	4	Redman Heen	8½	..
131	63	ReedExecutive	126*	..
544	374	ReedInternatl	530	−6
38	18½	Reliance Ind	35½	..
96	76	Relyon Group	88	..
360	194	Renishaw	356	−2
56½	24	Renold	54	−1
130	92	Renwick Grp	130	..
115	72	Ressuor Grp	115	..
292	205	Reuters B	289	−2
38	23	Rexmore	28½*	−½
115	76	Ricardo & Co	102	..
30	16	Rich Wesrth	18	..
148	32	Riley Leisure	38	−1
10½	7	Rock	10½	+½
38	29	Rockware Gp	54	−1
235	110	z Rolfe & Nolan	115	−10
142	90	Ropner	137	..
13½	4½	Rotaprint	5½	..
115	75	Rotork	113	..
30	11½	Ryan Internat	15	..
58	30	S.I.G. Dural	43	+1
60	35	SI Group	42	..
147	80	Saga Holidays	147	..
395	287	SaleTilney	407	−12
552	130	Samuelsn Grp	560	−10
94	56	SandhurstMkg	89	−1
35	—	Sangers	—	..
27½	18	z Sangers Ph	25	..
92	64	SavilleGordon	94	+1
420	288	Savoy Hotel A	420	..
488	247	Scapa Group	426	−2
61	41	Scott Herbrt	60	..
97	67	Sears Holdg	87	−5
270	161	Secker Grp 'A'	270	..
155	133	z Securiguard	143	−2
358	170	SecurityServOrd	268	..
25	15½	Senior Engrs	19	−½
97	63	Sharpe Ware	64½	..
98	21	z SheldonJones	60	..
462	365	Siddaw Group	410*	−7
505	355	Slobe	500	+3
77	37	Silentnight	36	..
93½	64½	Sime Darby	67	..
251	185	Simon Engng	228	−3
85	63½	600 Group	84	−½
472	346	Sketchley	356	−2
225	143	Smith & Neph	219	−3
584	483	Smith Indust	668	−6
42	24	SmithWhtwth	42	..
30	20	Solicitors Law	26	..
64	27½	Sparrow G.	56	..
172	128	Spear & Jackson	138	..
46	46	Spear J. W.	123	−1
145	115	Spectrum	140	..
232	170	Sp rax Sarco	232	−4
175	85	z Spring Ram	166	−2
57	57	Staff Potteries	93	−1
110	58	Stag Furnishrs	61	..
112	55	z StainlessMet	80*	..
75	20	z Stapeleco	28	..
226	226	Staveley	282	−2
465	355	Steel Bros	460	..
288	227	Steetley	289	..
101	55	Sterling Inds	64*	−1
183	135	Stockake Hld	140	−2
94	70	Stonehill	86	..
161	108	Stothert & Pitt	158	+2
7	4	Stunner F.	8½	+½
202	210	SunlightServ	228	−4
32	20	Supra Group	35	−1
30	20	Sutcliffe Spkn	26	..
520	320	Swed Match B	£28½	..
243	196	Swire Pacific	243	+2
185	156	Syltone	164*	..
20	11	Symonds Eng	16½*	+½
333	137	T.A.C.E.	333	..
294	182	T.I. Group	230	+6
95	45	TSL Thrmsyn	94	−1
76	43	Tex Abrasives	64*	..
58	48	Thomas T'line	60	..
527	417½	Tilcer Conts	£21	..
145	54	Tomkins F. H.	144	−1
40	63	Tottenham H.	76	..
140	76	Tove & Co	115	..
43	23	Tozer Kemsley	26	−1
338	196	Traf. Hse. Ltd	331	−1
115½	84	Transport Dev	105	−1½
58	17	Triefus	40	−1
47	25	Triplex Fndry	40	+5
166	99	TrustHsePorte	146	+2
112	85	Tunner & New	106	−4
121	86	UKO Intnl	96*	..
40	25	Unigroup	28	..
£11⅛	835	Unilever	£10⅛	−¼
£46⅞	£32⅞	Unilever N.V.	£45⅞	+¼
83	40	UnionSteelSA	48	..
194	128	U.E.I.	172	−6
50	18	UtdGuar'ntee	19	..
130	60	UnitedParcels	85	−5
515	165	Utico Hldgs	190	..
176	108	Valor	165	..
235	155	Vickers	211	−3
154	78	Victor Prods	88	−2
294	180	Vinten Group	174	−4
280	152	Vosper	165	..
113	65	Wades Potts	113	−3
163	108	Wadkin	112	..
132	95	Wagon Indust	130	−1
45	21½	Watrfrd Glass	34½	..
106	76	Watson Kelvn	96	..
197	117	Wedgwood	194	−1
19	11	Weeks Assoc	13	..
40	26	Weir Group	40	..
21½	9½	Wellman	14½	+½
19	12½	z Welpac	12½	..
107	62	West's Group	79*	..
44½	25	Whee'ock Mar	44½	..
118	64	Whessoe	92	−2
171	118	WhitecroftInd	146*	−2
215	140	Wilkes J.	170	..
173	130	Williams Hlds	170	..
36	18	Willmal J. Cdf	25	..
170	117	Wills George	140	..
40	30	Wire & Plastic	35	..
308	230	Wolsey Hughs	298	..
18	11	Woodhse Rixn	16	..
375	231	Yarrow	373	−2
36	17	z Yorkgreen In	17	..
99	88	Zetters	95	..
138	35	z Zygal Dynam	35	..

INSURANCE

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
£20⅛	£13	Alex & AlexCm	£18½	—
697½	627	Alx & Alxl $Cn	670	..
£303¼	£181¼	Allianz Vers	£269¼	+6
597	425	Britannic	582	−5
230	163	Commercial U	186	−2
273	152	Equity & Law	250*	−2
537	430	General Accdt	513	−5
683	505	G.R.E.	664	..
582	357	Hambro Life	540	..
564	318	Heath C. E.	560	..
225	130	Hogg R'binGp	224	..
560	416	Legal & Gen	552	+2
682	442	London & Man	682	..
258	185	London Utd	250*	−1
£61¼	£36⅛	Marsh & Mcln	£50¼*	−1
251	137	Minet Hldgs	231	−5
470	312	PWS Intl	460	..
987	719	Pearl	986	..
536	431	Prudential	498	..
£12½	620	Reed Stenh'se	£11¼	+¼
315	202	Refuge	315†	−3
532	385	Royal	518	−1
384	210	Sedgwick Grp	334	−4
513	287	StewrtWri'son	512	−2
440	335	Sun Alliance	440	..
783	545	Sun Life	783	..
250	158	Trade Indem	250	..
580	330	Willis Faber	582	−8
52	31	Windsor Secs	43*	..

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
166	119	Aberdeen Tst	163	−2
588	443	Alliance Trust	580	−8
448	320	Altifund Cap	445	−5
221	155	AmbroseIn Cp	221	−2
119	89	American Tst Or	117	−4
268	200	Anglo-Am Sec	264	−2
95	64	Archimedes Cp	96	+2
127	108	ArchimedesIn	113*	−1
382	310	Ashdown	380	−2
100	75	AtlanticAssets	89	−2
94	62	Bankers Inv	83	−1
174	138	Berry Trust	167	−1
158	117	Border & Sthn	152	−3
105	78	Brit. Am & Gen	101	−1
194	141	Brit. Assets T	191	−3
25	16	Brit. Control	20	..
333	263	British Invest	325	−5
68	40	Brunner Inv	64	−2
105	77	CLR Pacific	100	−2
215	144	Caledonia Inv	216	−4
74	59	Charter Tst	73	−1
530	412	Con. & Ind. Tst	530*	..
170	124	CrescentJapan	158	−4
295	225	CrystlFibrosis	250	..
65½	51½	Danz Inv. Inc	65	−½
104	84	Derby Tst Inc	104	..
288	243	DraytonCons	365	−5
386	251	Drayton Japan	380	−6
368	294	Drayton Prem	365	−3
£10⅛	720	Dualvest Cap	810	−½
187	140	Dundee & Ldn	161*	−3
210	145	Edin. Americn	178	−4
82	39	Edinburgh Fin	45	−2
108	86	Edin. In Ord	106½	−1½
114½	85	Electra Inv	114	−½
259	209	Electric & Gen	254*	+2
94	71	Eng & NwYork	89	−2
70	53	Eng & Scot. In	69	−2
132	104	Europ. Assets	131	+1
88	69	F&C Alliance	87	−1
132	89	F.&C. Eurotrst	119	+3
147	116	F&C Pacific	144	−2
246	194	FirstScot. Am	242	−2
45	16	Fledglr Japan	40	−2
420	344	Fleming Amer	442	−2
234	180	Fleming Ents	233	−1
315	238	Fleming Far E	290	−5
526	374	FlemingJapan	514	−4
111	90	Fleming Merc	109	−2
110	82	FlemingO'seas	108*	−1
152	119½	Fleming Tech	148	−4
130	99	For. & Col. Inv	127	−2
45	37	FundInvestInc	41	..
175	130	G.T. Japan In	160	−2
58½	42	Gartmore I&F	53	−1
240	184	Gen. Consol	230	−5
108	76	Glasgow Stock	106	−2
254	199	Globe	251	−3
314	178	GreenfriarInv	202	−6
275	165	Gresham Hse	386	−10
143	113	Hambros Ord	139	−3
230	189	Hill Philip	227	−3
295	215	Independt In	245	−5
319	163	Investors Cap	316	−2
64½	43	Japan Assets	57	−1½
105	85	Jos. Holdings	103	−1
63	51	Jove Tst. Inc	62½	..
295	215	Lake View Tst	282	−3
165	130	Law Deben	166	..
265	220	Lon. & Grtmre	262	..
188	125	Lond. & Strth	158	..
65	64	Lon. Merchant	78*	−1
96	73	London Trust	93	−1
324	286	M&G Dual In	312	−4
127	110	M & G 2nd Inc	114	+2
88	75	Merchants Tst	85	−3
133	121	Monks Invest	132	−2
88½	68	Murray Grwth	88	−2
108	85	Murray Incme	106	−2
114	86	Murray Intnl	112	−2
271	224	Murray Vents	263	−2
73	59	NewDarienOil	69	−1
30	20	NewThrogCap	28½	−½
43	34	NewThrog Inc	58	..
356	258	New Tokyo	339	−5
283	221	Nth Atlantic S	281	−1
136	100	PreciousMetls	87	−3
307	240	Raeburn	305	−3
128	93	River & Merc	125	−1
200	158	RiverPlate & G	198	−1
172	137	Robeco Fl 5	170	−2
158	129	Rolinco sub. S	155	−2
236	184	Romney Trust	233	−3
£10⅛	895	Rorento	£10⅛	..
226	215	SPLIT Inc	226	−1
315	173	Scot. AmernIn	211	−2
152	116	Scot. Eastern	146	−2
252	191	Scot. Inv Tst	246*	−2
361	270	Scot Mrt & Tst	357	−4
215	165	Scot. National	212	−2
122	93	Scot. Northern	118	−2
504	388	Sec. AllianceTst	600	−4
111	85	Secs. Trst. Scot	108	−3
66	51	Small Co's Inv	65	−2
116	93	Stockholders	113	−1
112	74	TR Australia	91	−1
78	59	TR City of Lon	79	−1
143	121	TR Ind & Gen	138½	−1½
140	109	TR Nat Resou	235	−3
176	129	TR N. Americ	169	−3
281	191	TR PacificBas	276	−4
150	129	TR Property	136	−3
128	95	TR Technlogy	87	−½
114	86	TR Trustees	123*	−3
273	206	Temple Bar In	111	−3
315	180	Thrg Grth Cap	250	−4
150	93	Throg Trust	211	−3
109	81	Trans.Oc'nTst	147	−2
68½	67	Tribune Inv	106	−3
192	152	Triplevest Inc	76½	..
93	76	U.S. Debenture	192	−2
74	54	Viking Resour	74	−2
176	138	Westpool Inv	71	..
98	59	Whitbread In	174	−2
142	109	Winterb'mTst	93½	−2
380	208	Witan Inv	140	−2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Yeoman	269	..

LEATHER & SHOES

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
430	332	Church & Co	480	..
242	180	FII Group	206‡	−6
178	103	Garner Booth	178	..
48	35	Headlam Sims	35	..
220	104	Lambert Hth	200	..
133	71	Newbld & Brtn	96	+2
92	70	Pittard Grp	82	..
233	103	Strong & Fisher	140	−3
170	78	Stylo	145	−3

MINING

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
150	100	Afex Corpn	127	..
19	10	Amal. Fin. Inv	19	..
£18½	£13⅛	Ang. Am. Coal	£16⅛	−⅛
£14	925	An.Am.Cp.SA	£10*	..
£23½	165	Ang.Amer.Gld	£69	−1
£73	£37	Ang.Amer.Inv	£58	..
£39½	525	Anglo Vaal 'A'	£30	..
55	28	Aust. Cons Min	35	−1
290	210	Ayer Hitam	270	..
170	115	Berjuntai Tin	140	−5
14	7	Bisichi Tin	12	..
£11	622	Blyvoor	665	−48
24½	12	Botswana	12	..
178	94	Bougainvillel. E	113	−2
£71	135	Bracken	146	−5
£40½	188	Buffels	£28½*	−1½
86	44	Carr Boyd	61	−2
46	23	Central Pacific	30	..
260	170	Charter Cons	200*	−8
35½	22	z Clozan Gold	27	..
528	463	Consol Gold	477	−8
570	197	Cons Modd	430	−10
950	550	Cons Murchsn	550	..
617	375	De Beers	548	−14
330	190	Deelkraal	190	−30
£20	£12½	Doornfontein	£12½	−1
£28¾	£20	Driefontein	£20⅜	−⅛
£24½	£11	Durban Deep	£11⅛	−⅛
528	190	E. Daggafontn	195	−18
66	23	East Rand Con	64	−2
736	400	E.R.G.O.	415	−10
£11¼	598	East Rand Pps	698	−48
£10½	550	Elandsrand	576	−48
345	190	Elsburg	213	−12
16½	7½	Endeavour	9½	..
900	550	Freddies	600	..
£25⅛	£18½	F. S. Geduld	£18½	−¾
290	156	Geevor	220	+13
£13⅛	840	Genbel	925	−50
£17½	£10¼	Gencor	£10¼	−½
85	57	Globe & Phnx	57	..
11¼	9	Gold & Base	11¼	..
220	115	Goldfields Prp	120	..
£18	£10¼	Gold FieldsSA	£10¼	−1¼
235	155	Gopeng	165	−5
£11¼	600	Grootvlei	630*	−15
250	152	Hamptn Areas	156*	−2
£17⅛	£10¼	Harmony	£11¼	−⅛
620	374	Hartebeest	404	−26
40	20	Hill Minerals	24	..
£10	550	Honckong	—	..
£15⅜	950	Impala Plat	910	..
590	555	Johnnies	£72	−1
480	185	Kamunting	—	..
12½	8½	Kia Ora	8½	−¼
170	110	Killinchall	115	..
£13½	£13⅛	Kinross	£13½	−⅛
£40⅛	£29	Kloof	£30⅛	−⅜
284	158	Leslie	215	−12
£29⅛	£16⅛	Libanon	£17⅛	−¼
455	255	Loraine	365	−8
715	455	LydenburgPlt	455	−20
75	50	Malayda Min	52	−1
308	158	Marievale	163*	−2
118	72	Meekathara	103	..
50	19	Metals Explor	30	..
£12⅛	875	Middle Wits	825	−25
799	478	Minorco	530	−10
252	157	M.I.M. Hldgs	166	−2
20	8	M.T.D. Mang	15	..
22	12	Nearl River	14	..
665	375	New Wits	388	..
212	129	Nth Brkn Hill	140	−2
85½	30½	Nth. Kalgurli	30½	−2½
96	60	Pancontinental	70	..
398	250	Pekowallsend	316	+1
355	275	Petaling Tin	280	..
328	173	Poseidon	185	−5
£41¼	£21	PresidntBrand	£21¼	−1½
£42½	122	Pres. Steyn	£34	−1
£113⅛	£72	Randfontein	£80½	−2
720	430	Rand M Props	525	..
712	500	Rio Tinto Zinc	583	−17
880	617	Rustenburg	640	−20
£26⅛	£12⅛	St. Helena	£12⅛*	−⅛
82	36	Selkrust 'A'	42	..
68	24	Sons of Gwalia	62	−2
589	210	S. AfricanLnd	273	−7
16	8¼	Southn Pacific	10½	..
£41⅛	£31¼	Southvaal	£32⅛	−1½
£12¼	815	Stilfontein	850*	−25
385	250	Sungei Besi	270	..
475	275	Tanjong	278	..
425	245	TronohTin	278	..
£11	681	Unisel	706	−48
£96⅞	£67⅞	Vaal Reef	£67⅝	−3
£12⅛	596	Venterspost	754	..
64	28	Vultan	36	..
892	585	Welkom	605	−15
720	367	W. Rand Cons	402*	−2
535	330	Western Areas	330	−13
£46½	£29	Western Deep	£29	−⅛
£39¼	£23	WesternHldgs	£23⅛	−⅛
287	182	WestrnMining	197	−4
£49½	£25½	Winkelhaak	£25½	−1½
226	68	Wit. Nigel	104	+6
180	98	Zambia Cons	108	−3
21	13	Zam Copper	14	−¼
610	574	Zandpan	826	−5

MOTORS & AIRCRAFT

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
61	35	A.G. Cars	41	..
11¼	6¼	AlexanderHld	7¼	..
41	27	AppleyardGp	40	..
166	138	Arlington	164*	..
36½	25	Armstrong Eq	36	−½
16	12½	Automotive	64	..
22½	14½	B.S.G. Intntl	22	..
28	11	Bluemel Bros	14	+1
172	128	Bramall C.D.	128	..
385	211	Br. Aerospace	365	−5
129	80	Brit. Car Auct	88½	−2½
76	33	B.L.	37	−1
140	115	Caffyns	120*	..
44½	33½	Cowie T.	43	−1
110	72	Davis Godfrey	106*	..
188	122	Dowty Group	183	−4
45	30	E.R.F.	38	..
304	215	Flight Refuel	290	−3
209	118	Ford	195	−5
63	49	Gates F.G.	60	+1
342	217	Gen. Motors	340	−2
72	44	Harrison T.C.	69	..
89	55	Hartwell Grp	84	−1
256	170	Jaguar	252	−4
62	34	Jessups	62	+2
145	81	Kenning	103	−2
54	28	Kwik-Fit Hds	50	..
435	276	Lex-Serv Grp	390	..
113	67	Lookers	98	..
83	54	Lotus Cars	71	−1
282	159	Lucas Inds	249	−1
14½	10	ManorNat Gp	11½	..
89	64	Perry Harold	85	−2
150	81	Plaxton	81*	..
63	42	Quick H. J.	45	..
102	85	Soter A.	85	..
185	125	WestlndAircft	126*	−2
38	19	Woodhead J.	24	−2
42	21	York Trailer	29	..

OIL SHARES

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
38	12	Auer Oilfields	20	..
190	90	Ampol Petrol	124	..
81	45	Anvil	57	−5
83	30	Aran Energy	38	..
152	50	Atlantic Reso	56	−2
158	80	Atlantis Res	80	..
92	64	Aust Oil & Gas	80	−1
158	60	z Berkeley Ex	120	−2
64	26	Bristol Oil	26	−2
352	260	Brit. Borneo	295	..
540	385	British Petrol	473	−7
275	185	Britoil	185	−10
35	10	z Bula Resours	12	..
235	152	Burmah	218	+2
268	160	Carless Capel	160	−8
78	55	Century Oils	67	+1
64	48	Charterhall	51	−1
173	81	CharthsePetrl	106	−2
112	50	z Cluff Oil	53	..
150	85	Clyde Petrolm	90	..
208	173	Enterprise Oil	184	−1
215	85	Falcon Res	200	+5
105	75	z Flord Oil	73	..
450	280	Global NatRes	380	−2
140	92	Goal Petrol	95	..
280	185	Gt. Westrn Res	255	−10
90	28	Hadson Petrol	38	−2
£19¼	£8¼	Hamilton Oil	£12	+¼
160	120	HuntingPetrol	130	..
29½	16	z I.C. Gas Oils	16	..
335	280	Int Cont Gas	290*	..
115	55	Jackson Expl	100	−3
182	110	z Kelvinspiritlk	130	−3
53	20	KCA Drilling	24	−1
383	256	LASMO	310	−7
670	400	LASMO 'Ops'	440	..
152	85	Marinex Pet	85	..
56	29	New CourtNst	51	−1
120	73	z North Sea & Gen	75	..
17½	6½	Offshore Oil	7¼	..
35	28	z Oil Recovery	85	..
31	9	z Oil Search	20	−1
36½	21	Pennine Res	33	+1
78	70	Patranol	250	..
148	115	Petrocon	134	..
86	35	Petrogen	64	−2
74	42	Premier Cons	18	−1
790	385	Ranger Oil	400	..
£15½	£10⅛	Royal Dutch	£15⅛	−¼
405	246	z Saxon Oil	345	−5
758	545	Shell Transprt	645	−5
75	50	z Southwest	56	−2
291	186	z Sovereign	189	−3
56	25	Steaua Roman	32	..
52	30	T.R. Energy	31	−1
20	10	TarmetPet P pd	11	..
26	12	Texas Petrl	—	..
239	170	Tricentrol	183	−5
360	198	Ultramar	198	−10
75	44	Warrior Reso	47	−3
99	56	Woodside Pet	65	−1

PAPERS & PUBLISHERS

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
111	74	Aldcom Int	96	..
287	136	z Addison Com	198	−2
385	253	Assoc. Book	377	−3
513	378	Assoc. News	487	−13
204	118	Assoc. Paper	195*	−2
165	98	BPMHldgs 'A'	167	..
255	155	Bemrose Corp	175	..
710	385	Boase Massimi	690	−10
403	280	Bristol E. Post	405	+5
214	129	BPCC	170	−2
176	105	Bunzl Grp	156	..
430	195	Bunzl	426	−2
640	386	Carlton Comm	620†	−20
121	67	Causton Sir J	116	−1
253	203	Chapman Inds	280	..
125	55	Clay Richard	106	−1
670	358	Collin W. Ord	670	..
123	86	Cropper J.	119*	−1
883	640	Daily Mail Tst	860	..
185	104	D.R.G.	152	−1
115	58	E.LanesPaper	112*	−2
104	68	East Mid. 'A'	95	−2
200	134	Fleet Hldgs	193	−2
150	84	Geers Gross	146	−1
278	140	Good Relatns	250	−10
295	172	HarmesPublsh	295	−5
175	119	HomeCounts N	158	−2
128	83	z Horne (Rbt)	128	+2
200	147	z Hunterprnt	190	..
178	140	Indepdt News	140	..
520	362	Intl. Thomson	508	−2
352	140	z KLP Group	330	−2
262	192	Livpl. DlyPost	228	−1
159	120	L.C.A. Hldgs	152	..
247	162	Lowe H.S.C.E	245	−2
191	105	McCorquodale	188*	−5
185	112	z Met. Bulletin	183	+1
100	63	More O'Ferrall	90	−5
107	69	z Morgan Com	104	..
150	89	Norton Opax	128‡	..
855	467	Octopus	845	..
43	26	Olives Paper	39	+2
245	106	z Pace Michael	240	..
172	143	Prtsmth & Sun	140	−2
275	175	Routledge & K	250	..
610	522	Saatchi	905	−5
110	67	Scott & Robsn	110	+4
120	76	Smith David	116	−3
150	116	Smurfit J.	139	−1
82	75	z TradePr. Serv	78	..
347	263	Utd Newspapr	303	..
250	165	Usher Walker	205	..
365	180	z Valin Pollen	360	−5
32	20	Wace Group	28	−2
375	303	Waddington	455*	−5
275	179	Watmoughs	267	−3
327	205	Westrn B. Mill	325	−2

PLANTATIONS

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
280	124	Anglo Indonesn	218	−2
£10¼	315	Assam Dooars	£10½	−⅛
285	127	BertamHolds	132	−2
115½	84	Cons. Plant	101	−2
170	95	Harrisons Mlr	114	−3
113	77	Highld & Low	—	
97	54	Jitra Rubber	55	..
107	78	KualaLumpur	89	−2
105	77	Kulim	80	−1
£14¼	715	LawriePlant	£14¼	..
184	107	Malakoff	118	−2
367	197	McLeod Russ	367*	..
775	365	Moran	750	..
£11	510	Ronal Tea	£11	..
91	63	Rowe Evans	76	−1
405	215	WestrnDooar	330	..
513	297	Williamson H	490*	..

PROPERTY

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
19½	12½	Alsco Inv	18	−½
106	83	Allied London	104	−2
11¼	5	Amal. Ests	5½	..
130	100	Apex Props	115	−3
87	56	Bairstow Eves	70†	−3
428	288	Beazer C. H.	374	..
250	190	Bilton Percy	226	+4
368	275	BradfordProp	368	..
149	105	British Land	147*	−2
140	117	Brixton Estate	136	−1
220	170	Capital & Cntles	206	−2
234	195	Centrovincial	225	..
450	345	ChesterfieldPr	440	−5
780	615	Churchbry Est	765	−10
160	95	Connells Est	95	..
64	37	Control Secs	58½	..
110	71	Cntry & New T	109	..
355	205	Cusins Prop	235	..
320	174	Dalan	317	..
25½	18	Dares Estates	19½	..
9	2½	Edenspring	1½	..
36	10	Epley Trust	25	..
145	128	Estates & Agcy	145	..
91	85	Est. & Gen. In	89	−1
168	145	Estate Propty	157	..
75	62	Evans Leeds	75	..
240	215	Ewart NwNth	235	..
160	126	FairviewEsts	158	..
85	62	Gable House	84	..
24	20	Gilbert Hse	22	..
170	140	Gt. Portland	160	−2
214	150	Greycot CtyOff	200*	..
100	82	z GrosvenorSq	97	..
510	367	Hammerson A	500	−5
480	460	Haslemere Est	498*	−4
43½	19	H K Land	43½	+½
320	255	Imry Property	290	−5
910	580	Intl. Inc. Prop	890	−10
302	234	Laing Props	298	..
41	32½	Land Invest	38	..
315	250	Land Securities	305	−5
148	90	Law Land	147	..
196	142	London & Edin	190	..
18	9	z Lon & Manson	9	..
315	263	Lon & Prov Sp	286	..
132	113	Lon Shop Prop	128	..
320	255	Lynton H'ldgs	518	−2
115	97	Markheath Secs	105	..
60	41½	Marlboro Prop	56	..
124	98	Marler Estates	124	..
118	100	z Mayf'ir & Ct'y P	114*	−1
115	86½	McKay Secs	115	..
335	250	MEPC	305	−6
335	205	Mountleigh Gp	250	..
343	215	Mountview Est	313	−7
95	73	Muckow A.J.	80	..
86	68	New CavshEst	83	−2
35	16	z NewEngland	20	..
37	29	Parkdale Hldg	31	..
240	184	Peachey Corp	232	−2
290	208	Peel Holdings	290	..
195	166	Prop. & Rev	192	−2
124	84	Prop Hol & Inv	110*	−2
157	117	Prop. Sec. Inv	128	−2
11	1¼	Raglan	8	..
94⅜	64	Regalian Prps	82	..
670	295	Rosehaugh	665	−6
264	204	Rush & Tmkns	212	..
157	131	Samuel Props	147	..
92	79	Scot. Met. Pr	83	−1
17	12¼	Sheraton Sec	14	..
145	117	Slough Estates	156	−2
190	133	Speyhawk	190*	..
182	132	Standard Sec	163	..
68½	45	Sterling Guar	64	−1
35	15	Stewart Nairn	15	..
435	305	Stock Conv	427	−8
175	174¼	Stock Ex. 7%	175	..
74	49	Stockley	68	..
120	68	Top Estates	115	−2
43	35½	Town Cen. Sec	40	−1
190	132	Trafford Park	192	+2
188	132	Trenchrwd	184	−8
41	24	Trust of Prop	36	..
566	440	Utd Real Prop	530	..
65	50	Walker Alfred	66	..
525	425	Warner Est	525	..
430	335	Warnford Inv	425	..
117	104	Wates City Lon	117	..
28	17	Webb Joseph	25	−1
£44	£31½	Wereldhave	£48¼	..
147	107	West & C. Prop	147	..
22¼	16¼	Whitt'ton Intl	22¼	..
125	105	z Wingate	120	..

SHIPPING

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
252	162	British & Com	239	−8
137	90	Fisher J.	118	..
700	510	Graig Shipping	625	+2
102	85	Hunting Gibsn	86	−1
58	45½	Jacobs John	53	..
9	3	London & Over	4	..
115	22	Lyle S. S.	23½	−½
62½	26	Mersey Dck U	38	..
60	38	Milford Docks	59	..
140	104	Ocean Transpt	136	..
380	240	P&O Defd	308	−1
47	4	Reardon Smith	20	..
115	75	Runciman W	75	..

TEXTILES

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
310	265	Allied Textiles	310	..
153	98	Atkin Bros	104	−4
91	69	Beales J.	71	+1
107	83	Beckman A.	95	..
24	15	BoltonTextile	16	..
111	78½	Brit. Mohair	109	..
78	55	Bulm & Lumb	76	..
182	150	Burmatex	162	−2
68	19½	Carpets Intern	30	..
148	91	Coats Patons	145	−2
72½	57½	Corah	62½	−1
150	109	Courtaulds	122	−4
46	30	Crowther J.	43	−2
270	185	Dawson Intnl	258	−4
131	78	Dixon David	120	..
62	30	Early's of Wit	65	..
16½	7	Ferguson J.	8½	..
59	40	Foster John	51	..
82	40	Hicking Pent	51	−1
60	20	Illingworth M	55	..
448	83	Ingram H.	95*	−10
95	45	Jerome S.	53	..
132	97	Leeds Group	120	..
79	49	Lister & Co	58	−1
46	21	Lowe Robt. H	31	−1
118	67	Lyles S.	79	..
94	43	M.D Group	88	−1
85	56	Mackay Hugh	77	..
58	34	Martin A.	54	−1
58	28½	Munton Gp	28½	..
278	186	Notts Manufrs	212	+2
82	30	Nova (Jersey)	31	−1
60	34	Palma Group	54	..
113	87	Parkland Text	102	..
33	22½	Ramar Textile	25	−1
43½	18½	Readicut	27½	..
158	85	S.E.E.T.	158	−2
58	38	Sandra Murray	54	−1
57	21	Sekers Intnl	38½	−½
48	35	Shaw Carpets	41*	..
156	112	Sirdar	129	−1
27	7	Spencer G.	—	..
92	51	Stroud Riley	58	−1
88	61	Textured Jrsy	68	−2
172	95	Tomkinsons	125	−3
69	38	Tootal	60½	−4½

TOBACCOS

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
352	175	BAT Inds	343	+5
75	54½	Carroll Inds	75‡	..
180	137	Imps	179	+3
187	112	Rothmans	183	−4

RIGHTS ISSUES

Issue Price	Stock	Price	+ or −
64	Bairstow Eves (nil pd)	6 pm	−3
175	Birmham Mint (nil pd)	38 pm	..
60	BurressProp (nil pd)	92 pm	..
485	CarltonCommni (pd)	138 pm	−20
85	Carrs Milling (nil pd)	26 pm	..
20	L.U.P. (nil pd)	14 pm	−4
255	Pilk'ntn Bros (nil pd)	52 pm	−1
178	Westpac (nil pd)	66 pm	..

RECENT ISSUES

Issue Price	Stock	Price	+ or −
160	Access Satellite	188	−8
140	Alida Holdings	166	..
100	Breakmate	111	−3
130	Brit. Telecom (50p pd)	105	−1½
105	CVD International	148	−2
160	Candover	215	−10
115	Craton Lodge	192	−3
—	EuroInvstBnk (£20pd)	£31⅛	..
£93½	Exch 9¾% 1998 (£30 pd)	£58½	−⅛
170	Firstland Oil	185	..
78	Gabbicci	95	−1
28	Healthcare Services	26	..
210	Iceland Frzn FoodHld	390	..
—	Inds. Scotland Engy	115	−8
145	Instem	250	−5
—	Johnson Mt 8% CPref	140	..
85	Klark-Teknik	115	−3
—	Kinnsley & Forester	58½	−4½
117	Media Technology	172	−3
—	Monument Oil	25	..
66	Optometric	55	..
140	PSM Int	170	..
150	Penny & Giles	180	−2
70	Plasmec	76	..
92	Process Systems	92	−2
—	Racal 7% conv	122	..
20	Rex Williams	20½	−1½
140	Share Drug Stores	206	−1
110	UDO Holdings	126	−1
136	Wardle Storeys	185	−4

TOURIST RATES

Australia	1·39 dollars
Austria	24·95 schillings
Belgium	71·40 francs
Canada	1·51 dollars
Denmark	12·90 kroner
Finland	7·55 markkaa
France	10·96 francs
Germany	3·57 marks
Greece	*160·00 drachmae
Holland	4·04 guilders
Iceland	*48·00 kronur
Ireland	1·15½ punt
Israel	720·00 shekel
Italy	*2195 lira
Japan	289 yen
Malta	*0·6180 pounds
New Zealand	2·35 dollars
Norway	10·43 kroner
Portugal	*194·00 escudos
South Africa	*2·30 rand
Spain	*197·00 pesetas
Sweden	10·30 kronor
Switzerland	2·94 francs
Turkey	500·000 lira
United States	1·14½ dollars
Yugoslavia	*266·00 dinars

Rates indicate approximate foreign currency bank notes obtainable for sterling in Britain. *Subject to limit.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

		Close	Day's range	Contracts traded	High-Low
Long Gilt	Mar	105·20	105·26—105·06	3190	110·13—105·06
	Jun	—	—	—	105·30—105·22
US T-bond	Mar	70·19	70·22—70·00	1500	72·24—69·23
	June	—	—	—	70·24—70·20
3 month £	Mar	89·47	89·47—89·24	1652	90·54—89·24
	June	89·42	89·42—89·19	246	90·13—89·19
3 month Euro-dollar	Mar	90·66	90·66—90·41	4156	90·72—88·04
	June	89·95	89·96—89·81	379	90·18—89·63
Sterling	Mar	1·1485	1·1505—1·1385	65	1·2770—1·1375
	June	—	—	—	1·1417—1·1417
D-mark	Mar	0·3176	0·3187—0·3165	34	0·3437—0·3165
	June	—	—	—	
Swiss Franc	Mar	—	—	—	0·4015—0·3915
	June	—	—	—	
Yen	Mar	—	—	—	0·4109—0·3988
	June	—	—	—	
FT-SE 100	Mar	120·45	120·80—119·95	231	123·30—112·00
	Jun	120·65	120·65—120·40	2	120·65—120·40

Contracts specifications include:
Long-Gilt—notional 20 year stock with 12 pc coupon and face value of £50,000
US T-bond—notional 15 year stock with 8pc coupon and face value of $100,000.
3 month sterling eurodollars—£250,000 (US$ 1 million with cash settlement option.
Currencies are quoted against the dollar with face values of £25,000. Dm 125,000 Swf. 125,000 and Yen 12,500,000
FT-SE 100 quoted one-tenth the index with face value of £25 per index point. Settlement cash only.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Option	Ex'cise Price	CALLS Closing Offer (P) JAN.	APR.	JULY	PUTS Closing Offer (P) JAN.	APR.	JULY
BP	460	25	33	43	8	18	27
BP	500	4	14	22	35	46	52
Comm. Union	180	8	18	20	4	10	14
Comm. Union	200	3	10	12	17	20	23
Cons. Gold	460	28	40	50	6	17	22
Cons. Gold	500	6	22	32	32	45	54
Courtaulds	120	5	11	15	4	7	9
Courtaulds	130	2	6	9	9	13	15
GEC	200	20	26	34	1½	5	7
GEC	220	4	13	20	11	14	16
Grand Met	300	7	17	23	11	22	28
Grand Met	330	2	7	12	35	42	48
ICI	700	38	62	62	7	14	28
ICI	750	7	20	30	32	46	54
Land Securities	300	10	19	25	6	11	16
Land Securities	330	1	5	13	26	30	33
Marks & Spencer	110	9	13	17	2	6	7
Marks & Spencer	120	2½	6	10	8	11½	15
Shell	600	50	58	67	6	15	17
Shell	650	12	28	37	23	32	40
Traf. House	300	33	38	44	1½	5	8
Traf. House	330	7	18	25	7	12	17
		FEB.	MAY	AUG.	FEB.	MAY	AUG.
Barclays	500	70	80	90	5	11	15
Barclays	550	32	42	52	18	27	34
BAT Inds	330	27	35	42	11	20	27
BAT Inds	360	13	20	28	30	35	40
British Telecom	100	10	14½	17½	2½	5	8
British Telecom	110	5	8½	10	8½	9	12
Imperial Grp	160	21	26	28	2	4	7
Imperial Grp	180	7	11	14	8	11	14
LASMO	300	22	32	40	7	14	20
LASMO	330	16	24	32	28	37	42
Lonrho	160	11	16	18	7	11	15
Lonrho	180	3½	6	8½	19	22	24
P & O	300	16	25	29	6	12	17
P & O	330	6	15	16	24	27	31
Racal	260	12	21	28	11	15	18
Racal	280	6	13	19	28	32	34
R.T.Z.	550	50	60	65	9	20	25
R.T.Z.	600	20	32	38	30	44	62
Vaal Reef	£60	6½	10½	13	6	12½	14¼
Vaal Reef	£90	2	7	9	13	17½	21
		MAR.	JUNE	SEPT.	MAR.	JUNE	SEPT.
Beecham	360	33	42	48	8	13	18
Beecham	390	14	20	26	25	30	35
Bass	460	27	37	43	12	20	22
Bass	500	10	17	22	35	40	43
De Beers	420c	27	45	60	42	56	70
De Beers	460c	14	30	35	80	90	105
GKN	180	20	25½	32	6	9	11
GKN	200	10	16	20	15	20	25
Hanson Tst	300	36	41	47	8	12	16
Hanson Tst	330	19	27	36	15	21	25
Jaguar	240	21	27	31	5	9	14
Jaguar	260	11	15	19	15	16	19
Tesco	220	20	25	30	6	10	15
Tesco	240	8	13	18	15	18	21
FT-SE 100	1200	47	55	68	38	60	65
FT-SE 100	1250	20	32	45	69	80	95

TOTAL CONTRACTS: 6,399

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Gold price dips below $300

THE LONDON gold price fell below the $300 an ounce level to $299·50 an ounce for the first time in two and a half years yesterday as the renewed strength of the dollar further undermined confidence in the metal. Gold finally closed $2 lower at $303·50 an ounce, while the F T Gold Mines index finished 22 points down at 451·3, a year's low.

Analysts estimate gold will trade around $285-$300 in the near term and its range in 1985 will be between $250 and $350 an ounce.

Julian Baring of brokers James Capel said the big hope is that the lower price will lead to more industrial and jewellery demand, though the question is at what point will this happen.

Gold prices started to weaken sharply on Dec. 14, following a large order in Hongkong, sparking off selling in Europe and the United States.

Entrad sale

AUSTRALIAN textile group Entrad Investments Proprietary reveals that it has *mortgaged its* share holding in Tootal with bankers Tricontinental Corporation and Tricontinental Holdings of Melbourne.

Entrad also reveals that it has subsequently reduced its stake by 400,000 shares to 12·4m (6·998 p.c.), selling them on the London stock market.

Questor—P17

AAH confident

AAH HOLDINGS, which is expanding its pharmaceuticals side with two acquisitions, has made pre-tax profits for the eight months ended November broadly similar to those for the corresponding period.

The miners' strike is having an adverse effect but it is confident of being able to lift the interim and final dividends for 1984-85 by *about 10 p.c.*

Questor—P17

Caffyns courted

LEWINDA Enterprises has bought an additional 30,000 shares in Caffyns, the South of England motor trader, bringing its total holding to 235,000 ordinary shares—equivalent to 7·25 p.c., but only 4·5 p.c. of the voting shares.

Questor—P17

Joining Hanson

HUGH ASHTON, who has been a director of merchant bankers J. Henry Schroder Wagg for 15 years, is leaving the bank to join the board of Hanson Trust as an executive director at the beginning of February.

Mr Ashton, 55, has over the years been involved in many of the City's large takeover battles and has also specialised in United States markets. Lord Hanson said: "We are sure his contribution to Hanson will be invaluable."

Leaving Littlewoods

ANTHONY PHILLIPS, managing director of Littlewoods Organisation's chainstore business, and buying director David Kirkman have left the company "by mutual consent," a company spokesman said yesterday.

Mr Phillips was brought into Littlewoods from British Home Stores to revamp the ailing retailing business. He joined in September 1983, after the division had been without a managing director for ten months following the abrupt departure of Tom McAuliffe, who resigned after four months following disagreements with the board.

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM (ANP CBS Gen)	185·60	− 1·00
BRUSSELS (Stock Index)	2,168·79	− 5·65
FRANKFURT (Commerzbank)	1,111·80	− 6·60
HONGKONG (Hang Seng)	1,235·98	+15·24
NEW YORK (Dow Jones)	1,189·82	− 9·05
PARIS (CAC General)	180·90	− 0·70
SYDNEY (All Ordinaries)	726·50	− 2·50
TOKYO (Nikkei Dow)	Closed	
ZURICH (Credit Suisse)	320·60	+ 0·50

U.S. RATES

Federal funds	8 1/8 p.c. (9 1/2 p.c.)
Treas. 3 month bills	7·81-7·76 (7·84-7·79)
Long bonds	$101·04 ($100·08)
Yield	11·88 p.c. (11·71)

U.S. COMMODITIES

COMEX (Gold)	Jan.	301·60	
	Feb.	303·20	304·20, April 305·10
	June	311·60	
	Aug.	316·30	317·50, Oct. 328·40
	Dec.	322·90	
	April	331·90	332·90, June 343·70
	Aug.	353·50	
Sales: 25,090 contracts.			
CHICAGO (Wheat)	March	348	
	May	352½	349½, July 352
	Sept.	355½	353½, Dec. 359½
	March	368½	
	May	371½	370½, Sept. 371½
CORN	March	291	291, Sept. 271½
	Dec.	270	271½
	March	280	280½, May 284½, 129½
	Jan.	179½	180½, Sept. 173½
	March	180½	181½, May 184½
	Jan.	608½	608½, Nov. 615½
	March	611½	608½, March 641½
	Jan.	628	626½, March 641½

FT—ACTUARIES INDICES

Industrial Group	599·75	(−7·61)
" 500 "	636·98	(−7·98)
All-Share	581·88	(−7·69)

Israel banking crisis inquiry recommended

By BARBARA CONWAY in Tel Aviv

ISRAEL'S banking establishment is facing the biggest financial scandal and potential credibility problem in the history of the State and last night a ministerial committee headed by Prime Minister Shimon Peres decided to recommend that the cabinet established a state inquiry into the allegations.

The four major Israeli commercial banks have been accused in an Israeli government-sponsored report of manipulating their share prices to such an extent that, when the bubble burst, the government had to step in and pledge up to $6·5 billion to prevent a banking collapse.

The allegations are in a report by the State Comptroller into events surrounding the plunge in bank share prices on the Israeli Stock Exchange in October 1983. So serious are the suggestions in the report that calls have been made for the resignation of the chairmen of all the banks involved and also of the Bank of Israel.

The government is now under pressure from all sides, including the banks themselves, which suggest that the report is misleading out of context.

Attorney-General Yitshak Zamir has also told the Israeli Knesset (*Parliament*) *that he is* examining papers on the events leading up to October, 1983, to see if there should be further investigation of the activities of unnamed "senior figures" in *banking and political circles.*

The report deals with the "regulating" of share prices in Bank Leumi, Bank Hapoalim, Israel Discount Bank and Mizrahi Bank.

The banks, which dispute the allegations, are said by the State Comptroller to have used the accepted system of regulating share prices to prevent anomalies to create a stock market book in their own sector.

Instead of responding to existing *trends, the banks, says the* report, created an upward spiral in their share prices by placing large orders for their own shares and also extending credit to customers so that they could *buy shares which would then be* used as security for the loans.

In the six years to 1983, while the share prices were being supported, the banks made a series of rights issues, raising over $1·6 billion for expansion, much of it overseas. so successful were these tactics, says the report, that the bank shares attracted increasing investment at the expense of other commercial and industrial sectors.

During 1983, when most other share prices were falling, the banks continued to perform well with share prices which, *according to the comptroller,* bore no relation to their assets or trading. But, he suggests, the manipulation was becoming increasingly expensive and when, in October, there was a *wave of selling in the bank* sector, the support could no longer be continued.

The rescue operation mounted by the government involved pledging up to $6·9 billion in underwriting the value of the shares. Those pledges relate to periods up to 1988 and the report suggests that the State which is in a constant economic crisis could lose over $2·5 billion as a result of the operation.

As the public and political outcry mounts, the banks are suggesting that the report is too limited and does not take into account the realities of normal economic and monetary policies in the country.

Bank Leumi, which also has a London stock market quotation, yesterday promised that it would give an investigation its full co-operation.

The report is highly critical of the supervisory operations of the Bank of Israel, the Treasury and the Israeli stock market, all of which, it suggests, either were or should have been aware of what was happening.

Brokers see £82m profits at Polly Peck

By DAVID BREWERTON

POLLY PECK (Holdings), the master company in the empire *of Turkish Cypriot businessman* Asil Nadir, will increase its profits from £50·6 million to £82 million in the year to August 1985.

That, anyway, is the view of London stockbrokers L. Messel & Co., the firm most closely identified with the rise and rise of Polly Peck shares.

In a New Year assessment of the company, Messel's Peter Jones says that the company has an outstanding four-year record and excellent trading prospects founded on a spreading base in agricultural and consumer-based industries.

According to his forecasts, Polly Peck will achieve pre-tax profits of £61 million from its agricultural and related activities. Another £12 million will come from electronics, £7 million from the textile and property activities in its Wearwell subsidiary and £2 million from the mineral water venture carried on through Cornell Holdings.

But Messel admits that the foecasts it made a year ago for Polly Peck proved over-optimistic. The projected pre-tax profit at that time was £60 million for the year to August 1984, but in fact the company turned in £50·6 million.

The problem was that Messel under-estimated the time it *would take for new projects to* be turned into operating businesses: "However, having acknowledged this weakness, it should not be allowed to obscure the fact that these projects have now been brought on stream," says Mr Jones.

Polly Peck shares, after their dramatic rise during 1982 and 1983, have underperformed the market as a whole by some 40 p.c. during the past year. Messel admits that rating a company which will have grown from nothing to annual profits of £80 million in only five years "is difficult."

But on the basis of the latest estimate, the shares at 209p are selling at under three times earnings "which represents a substantial undervaluation even after allowance is made for the perceived, if excessive, doubts over the political stability of Turkey, Cyprus and the Near-Middle East."

Messel say the rating additionally takes no account of plans to spread activities into other countries.

The brokers believe that a rating of five times prospective earnings would be hardly demanding, "which would imply a short-term target of 350p or more."

Oil prices down again

NORTH SEA oil prices were marked down further yesterday with the gap between official and spot market prices widening to over $2·60 a barrel.

The downward trend in European markets reflected the overnight slump in New York trading where crude oil and refined product prices dropped to a five-year low.

Brent oil, the North Sea market, officially priced at $28·65 a barrel was being quoted at $26·10 for delivery next month, extending the decline over the last two weeks to almost $1.

Oil markets have little confidence in the moves by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to try and *stabilise prices and traders as* well as analysts feel that the pressure for a cut in Opec and North Sea prices is now irresistible.

Government sources say that *ministers have yet to consider* any further price cuts in the North Sea reference price and are prepared to wait until later in the month before giving the British National Oil Corporation, the main trader, authority to move.

Shipowners link to survive

By JOHN PETTY

BRITISH and other European shipowners are to discuss new links to survive against collapsing markets, bankruptcies and increasing competition. Two more shipping failures, both affecting Britain, were disclosed yesterday.

Gazocean, in which State-owned Gaz de France is the biggest shareholder, cancelled 15 long-term charters and invited *four* of the shipowners affected to take a 65 p.c. stake in the business.

London-based Furness Withy, with three liquefied petroleum gas tankers on charter to Gazocean, said it would take a shareholding. Furness is part of the Hongkong-controlled C Y Tung Group and its ships with the Gazocean fleet are the Cavendish, the Faraday and the Lord Kelvin.

Also invited to take stakes were the General Maritime Company of France and two West German shipowners, Bernhard Schulte and F. A. Detjen.

Kotka Line, with service from Finland to Immingham, Blythe and the Continent, said it was to file for bankruptcy.

But the biggest international threat comes from investment of about $1 billion each (about £875 million) in vast new containerships for round-the-world trade by United States Lines and Taiwan-based Evergreen. Battle lines are being drawn up for a rates war which will *hammer profits in 1985* and could end in disaster.

It leaves European owners with little choice other than to work together to rationalise and fight back. In Britain, that could involve names such as Cunard, P & O, Blue Star, Ellerman, British & Commonwealth, Harrison, Ocean Transport, Palm Line, Elder Dempster, Houlder, Dennott and Holt, Royal Mail and Ben.

There are fears that the container trades will be so overtonnaged that they will follow the tanker and bulk carrier *trades into crisis.*

Talks on possible co-operation are already known to involve Sir Jeffrey Sterling, chairman of P & O, Sir Nigel Broackes, chairman of Trafalgar House whose interests include Cunard, and Lord Vestey, head of a conglomerate that contains Blue Star.

Bill Menzies-Wilson, chairman of Ocean and president of the General Council of British Shipping, also believes more co-operation is inevitable.

Meanwhile, liquidation of Irish Shipping continues to leave a shadow over Reardon Smith, which had a joint-venture fleet with the Dublin *firm, Lyle Shipping,* whose share price slid from 113p to 24½p last year, is involved in speculation of a pending rights issue.

London and Overseas *Freighters is fighting for survival* and has switched its accounting from sterling to dollars. Cunard and the Midland Bank both have investments at risk with the decision *of Salen, of Sweden, to call in* a liquidator.

THE underlying trend of unemployment continues to creep remorselessly upwards though the apparent acceleration last autumn has, mercifully, subsided. Adult unemployment, adjusted for the usual seasonal variations, rose by 5,600 last month to yet another record of 3,107,200.

During the second half of 1984, the number of jobless rose by 12,000 a month, only a small improvement on the 15,000 a month recorded in the first half. Indeed, the increase in unemployment over the year as a whole, at 161,000, was 2,000 more than in 1983 — despite the creation of about a quarter of a million extra jobs and a rising level of vacancies.

The outlook for this year does not look promising though a few lone optimists are predicting a small temporary fall as growth bounces back from the miners' strike.

The Treasury is "assuming" for the purposes of its public spending plans that unemployment will remain broadly at present levels over the next 18 months or so. This assumption is already incorporated into the white paper on public spending to 1987-88, now at the printers and due to be published in three weeks time.

But in private officials are considerably more gloomy. Hence the Government's sudden rush to cobble together some kind of employment package, to be unveiled in stages between now and the Budget of March 19.

Needless to say, this is not going to involve any significant reflation of the economy or extra spending on infrastructure so dear to the hearts of Tory wets. Instead, we can expect a further attempt to make the workings of the labour market more flexible — abolition of Wages Councils, relaxation of employment protection, removal of social security benefits from youngsters refusing training places *are all under scrutiny; some beefing* up of special employment programmes, notably the Community Programme for the long-term jobless; and perhaps, in the Budget, a *rejigging of employers' National* Insurance contributions to make low-paid workers cheaper to employ.

CITY COMMENT

Only optimists forecast fall in unemployment

A $36m restorative

BRITAIN'S GOLD and foreign exchange reserves showed a reassuring if slightly unexpected rise of $36 million in December after allowing for new borrowing and repayments of old debts. The news helped endorse the Bank of England's willigness to move early in the day and meet the money market's shortage in full. As a result confidence in the foreign exchange and money markets was at least partially restored.

New borrowings under the Treasury exchange guarantee scheme jumped to $328 million in December, including $114 million by the South of Scotland Electricity Authority, $74 million by the Anglia Water Authority and $30 million by the Northumbria Water Authority. Repayments amounted to $44 million including $14 million by the Electricity Council, and $4 million each by the National Coal Board and the North of Scotland Hydroelectricity.

The annual repayments on the post-war dollar loans took out a *further $122 million.* Actual reserves rose $198 million to $15,694 million, but after allowing for the excess of new borrowing the net figure was $36 million following November's net rise of $12 million. The two latest rises were small, but welcome. They were the first since February last year, and at least show that the Bank of England has spent little or nothing in any attempt to steady sterling.

Such *sang froid* deserves its reward. But markets were convinced yesterday morning that base rates will have to rise to 11 p.c. next week unless the sharp rise in the November money supply figures, inflated by British Telecom money in the system, is largely reversed in the December figures due on Tuesday. The Bank's measures coupled with the gold reserve figures helped to push three month money in the London inter bank market back to 10⅝ p.c. yesterday, up one eighth per cent. *on the day though below the 10½* p.c. level reached in the morning.

But the market is merely revising its best guess down to a 10½ p.c. base rate. Bill traders were *trading three and six-month bills* at 10⅛ p.c. yesterday, a full point above official rates. The last word lies, of course, with the banks.

Huddersfield attracts Scots

A FEW YEARS AGO when English financial institutions were chasing *property yields down as they* scrambled to buy shop investments in Edinburgh's Princes Street, the canny Scottish fund managers stood back and shook their heads in wonder at the crazy prices being paid. They kept out of the market and at the height of activity in prime Edinburgh shops not a single property in Princes Street was owned by the Scottish funds.

But now the boot is on the other foot and it is the turn of English fund managers to question the prudence of their Scottish counterparts in purchasing shops down to very low yields — and in towns in which a few years ago no fund would have dared to invest.

Typical of the current investment strategy of these funds is the purchase by Scottish Amicable Pension Investments (S C A M P I) of two adjoining shops in Huddersfield. S C A M P I paid £1·8 million for the shops in New Street which have a current rental income of £52,150, equating to a combined return of 2·92 p.c.

But the properties, which are let to Burton, for its new Principles chain, and G U S, for its Cavendish Woodhouse subsidiary, have separate leases and have to be considered as two investments.

The property let to G U S is described by agents Jones Lang Wootton, which sold the properties to the Scottish fund, as "highly reversionary," but there is a further seven unexpired years of the lease with the rent pegged to £2,150 a year.

Thus the initial yield on the pro*perty is only 0·54 p.c.* Jones Lang states that the estimated rental value for the shop is currently £47,500, and the price paid reflects this value, which cannot be unlocked until 1992. No doubt Scottish Amicable would defend its purchase on the ground that the equated yield is 5 p.c.

The other shop, let to Burton, is fully rented at £50,000 a year reflecting a yield of 4·3 p.c. — which is still very low for a town of the dubious investment calibre of Huddersfield.

Clearly these two adjoining pro*perties have a "marriage"* value and there will be scope for the fund to do a deal with G U S to carry out a refurbishment on the property and write a new lease with a premium

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IoM Steam in discussions

THE rapid rise in Isle of Man Steam Packet shares ended yesterday with a 14p slide to 155p when directors said they were consulting financial advisers after adverse trading conditions last year.

"Detailed consideration is being given to the company's future trading operations and preliminary discussions are taking place which may lead to proposals being put to shareholders," it was said.

*Its routes include Liverpool-*Douglas. IoM Steam has been struggling against losses in recent years and has competition from Sealink, now owned by Sea Containers whose share price stands at £25·75 and which has car ferry services to Douglas from Heysham.

There has been speculation that Sealink might come to an arrangement with IoM Steam, which was founded in 1830 and incorporated on the island in 1885.

Grand Met in £107m placing

GRAND METROPOLITAN, the hotels-to-brewing group, yesterday successfully completed a vendor placing worth £107·3 million despite particularly difficult stock market conditions.

The share placing, issued as consideration for its £110 million acquisition of Quality Care, the New York-based health care and medical equipment group, was done at 290p a share against Wednesday's closing price of 308p.

Grand Met closed 10p lower at 298p.

Warburg, which arranged the placing through stockbrokers Panmure Gordon and Cazenove admitted the task was not an easy one on a bad day in the market and that it took most of the morning to complete.

Grand Met opted for a placing as opposed to a rights issue on the grounds of the sum involved, which although large *would have called for a rela*tively tight rights issue, the flexibility of a placing and the costs involved.

The placing is likely to have cost nearer 1 p.c. than the 2 p.c. for an underwriten rights issue, and as the placing was under 10 p.c. of its enlarged equity Grand Met would not have run up against the costly new Yellow Book disclosure rules that came into effect this week.

Peak U.S. deficit forecast

By JAMES SRODES in Washington

THE Reagan Administration has confided to Republican Congressmen that America's budget deficit will climb to an estimated record $218 billion this year.

The dismal White House outlook for the budget deficit also foresees America's biggest *economic headache topping* $240 billion by 1987.

The deficit estimates, which were revealed to Republican Congressmen earlier this week, are subject to revision until February when the President will formally submit his budget package to the Congress.

The Reagan Administration had previously claimed that a *growing United States expan*sion would trim the government's budget shortfalls by raising revenues through growth, but the latest White House projections show the Reagan team has given up on that hope.

Then ews that the White House expects this year's deficit to be much higher than fiscal 1984's $184 billion overrun depressed Wall Street investors and sent the Dow Jones Industrial Average tumbling in early trading.

The market briefly recovered in late afternoon when a group of bipartisan senators issued a call for immediate action on the deficit and urged an across-the-board budget freeze.

The senators' proposal would cut the deficit by about $35 billion this year and, although the senators' call for a deficit cut was only one of a number in recent weeks, investors responded to the news with a burst of buying.

But the upside momentum met a swifth death when the reality of continuing deficits sunk in

The Dow closed 9·05 down at 1189·82. Turnover was 90 *million shares.*

● The pound in New York closed at $1·1520 against $1·1490.

GRE expands in Europe

GUARDIAN Royal Exchange Assurance has bought a one third stake i none of Belgium's top 30 insurance companies for what is thought to be nearly £15 million. Le Foyer Compagnie Luxemboureoise d'Assurances has a premium income of £6·1 million for life assurance and £40·4 million for other business.

The company, founded in 1922, is profitable but it still has some liabilities from the French subsidiary which it closed down at the end of 1983 after sub*stantial losses. G R E will have* two seats on the Le Foyer board but management will remain based in Luxembourg.

Le Foyer is a private company *which wanted links with an* international group and G R E wanted a greater share of the European market.

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Earnings per share	12.89p	8.58p*	50
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- Beer sales were down in volume but sales of table wines continued to grow and profits from this source and from soft drinks increased.
- Good upturn expected in trading profits in 1985 and in future years.

Results at a glance	1984	1983
	£000's	£000's
Group Profit before Taxation	2,057	1,924
Group Profit after Taxation	1,386	1,198
Available for Ordinary Shareholders (after extraordinary items)	929	1,270
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182·6	132·2	Abbey Japan Trust	163·3	174·6
69·7	57·2	Abbey UK Gwth. T.	63·9	68·7
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444·2	391·3	Exempt	417·1	444·3
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146·6	117·7	Secure Income Fund	135·0	144·4
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285·0	225·9	Allied Balanced Tst.	262·3	*278·0
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100·8	78·8	Allied Eq. Inc.Trust	91·8	*97·3
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119·0	98·0	Allied High Yield T	110·5	*117·1
68·9	53·6	Allied Internat. Tst	63·9	67·7
71·7	51·4	Allied Japan Trust	67·3	*71·3
110·4	85·5	Allied Met Min&Cm	88·6	93·8
154·0	119·9	Allied O'seasEarn.T	143·3	*151·7
150·9	98·9	Allied Pacific Trust	124·1	*131·5
55·5	44·1	Allied Recovery Tst	51·0	54·1
93·1	81·6	Allied Smaller Co'sT	88·7	*93·8
131·9	105·5	Allied Sec.Sm.Co'sT	120·7	130·3
180·8	135·9	Allied Sec of AmerT	168·3	*178·4
94·6	74·8	Allied Technology T	86·4	91·6
		ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES		
53·5	41·8	Capital Fund	49·1	*52·5
57·7	44·1	Capital Acc	53·0	*56·6
109·1	84·5	Commodity Fund	79·6	85·0
176·8	139·2	Commodity Acc	132·0	141·1
65·4	46·6	Commodity 10% Wdl	43·9	46·9
107·9	78·1	East'n & Intnl. Acc.	100·2	107·1
62·2	45·9	East.& Intnl.6% Wdl	57·7	61·7
45·1	34·6	Finance & Property	41·7	44·5
71·3	54·7	Foreign Growth Fd.	64·0	68·4
49·2	43·5	Gilt & Fixed Int. Fd	43·9	46·2
57·7	47·8	High Income	53·4	57·1
126·3	100·7	High Income Acc.	116·7	124·8
73·3	56·1	High Inc. 8½% Wdl.	67·8	72·5
61·0	54·3	High Yield	56·5	*60·4
146·6	122·1	High Yield Acc	135·8	*145·3
78·8	60·9	North Amer.& Intnl	70·5	75·4
26·7	24·5	Preference	24·3	*25·9
73·2	67·3	Preference Accum.	69·8	*74·6
88·7	72·8	Smaller Co's Fund	81·2	86·8
11·8	8·8	World Penny Share	9·0	9·6
		ARCHWAY UNIT TST. MNGRS.		
218·2	171·3	Archway Fund	205·1	*218·2
		ATLANTA UNIT TRUST MNGRS.		
59·3	43·6	Japan & Far East	51·4	54·7
		BARCLAYS UNICORN		
78·1	56·7	Unicorn Amer'n Tst	72·1	78·7
135·5	101·1	Unicorn Aust. Inc.	108·1	*114·9
183·5	136·3	Unicorn Aust. Acc	148·6	158·0
170·2	136·5	Unicorn Capital	157·4	167·4
316·8	243·8	Unicorn Exempt	290·8	309·3
54·9	46·2	Unicorn Extra Inc	51·0	54·2
182·8	139·4	Unicorn Financial	169·5	*180·5
191·9	155·1	Unicorn 500	178·7	190·1
103·9	79·4	Unicorn General	96·5	102·6
61·3	50·1	Unic. Gilt & FixedIn	51·0	*53·4
106·5	78·0	Unic. Great Pac. Inc	99·4	105·7
107·4	78·3	Unic.Great Pac. Acc	100·3	106·6
132·5	105·8	Unicorn Growth Acc	123·4	130·2
241·0	185·7	Unicorn Income	223·3	237·5
103·2	82·0	Unicorn Prof. Assocs	95·4	101·4
138·7	114·1	Unicorn Recovery	128·5	136·6
58·5	43·3	Unic. Technol. Inc.	51·2	54·4
83·9	56·4	Unicorn Trustee	77·7	*82·6
113·5	87·5	Unicorn World Wide	105·2	112·9
165·1	128·4	B.T. Inv. Fd. Inc	152·1	161·8
244·3	186·4	B.T. Inv. Fd. Acc	225·2	239·5
		BARING BROS. & CO.		
488·5	402·2	Stratton Trust	469·0	488·5
718·0	563·0	Stratton Tst. Accum	689·3	718·0
		BRIDGE FUND MANAGERS		
67·1	50·0	B. American & Gen.	59·6	67·1
110·9	88·4	B. Cap. Inc	96·9	104·2
141·2	109·4	B. Cap. Acc.	123·4	132·7
252·0	200·0	B. Exempt	234·0	252·0
106·4	84·0	B. Income	97·3	105·4
45·2	34·3	B. Intnl. Recov. Inc.	34·9	37·5
59·1	44·8	B. Intnl. Recov. Acc	45·8	49·1
		BRITANNIA GROUP OF UNIT TRUSTS LTD		
86·1	65·2	American Growth	80·4	85·8
54·2	50·0	American Inc	50·5	53·9
25·7	19·6	Amer. Smaller Co's	21·0	22·4
78·4	61·7	Amer. Special Sits	68·4	*73·0
88·4	61·5	Australian Grth. Tst	76·3	81·4
176·3	124·8	Commod. Share Tst.	134·2	143·1
330·8	252·0	Exempt Trust	53·8	56·3
64·7	52·2	Exempt MktLeaders	60·7	*63·6
53·2	45·4	Extra Income	49·4	52·7
45·8	33·2	Far East	40·2	42·9
36·2	29·5	Financial Secs	32·9	*35·1
53·3	49·0	Gilt Growth Trust	50·3	51·1
28·8	25·0	Gilt Trust	25·0	*26·3
34·3	22·0	Gold & General	20·0	*21·6
24·8	15·5	Hongkong Perform.	22·7	*24·2
150·4	122·8	Income & Growth	139·5	148·8
30·0	20·0	Intnl. Growth	26·0	27·7
11·7	9·9	Intnl. Leisure	10·5	*11·2
46·6	31·1	Japan Performance	40·2	42·9
14·1	10·7	Japan Smaller Co's	11·7	12·5
147·7	117·0	Nat. High Income	135·8	144·8
19·9	16·5	Preference Shares	17·5	*18·7
41·0	32·9	Property Share	37·9	40·4
78·7	60·2	Recovery	71·6	76·4
110·4	91·0	Small Co's	102·4	109·2
81·5	61·9	Spec. Situations Tst	70·1	74·8
32·5	29·0	UK Grth (Domestic)	29·4	32·4
83·8	65·6	Universal Energy	62·1	66·2
54·2	40·7	World Tech Tst	44·9	47·9
		BROWN SHIPLEY & CO.		
50·3	40·5	Brown Shipley Fund	46·2	49·6
80·2	66·7	Accum	73·7	79·2
95·5	76·3	Financial	88·5	94·7
111·0	88·0	Growth	102·8	110·5
169·0	125·9	Growth Acc.	156·6	168·3
48·7	37·9	High Inc	44·8	48·1
54·1	44·0	Income Fund	49·6	53·3
56·7	43·0	North American	48·4	*52·0
55·0	43·9	Orient Fund	51·2	55·0
28·4	22·7	Recovery	24·7	*26·5
165·9	137·7	Technology Fund	147·3	158·4
		BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT CO.		
162·3	129·9	General Fund	154·6	*162·3
249·2	197·8	General Accum	237·4	249·2
76·5	66·4	Income Fund	72·4	76·5
125·2	106·1	Income Accum	118·6	125·2
117·9	93·8	International Fund	107·2	112·2
149·8	120·2	International Accum	138·8	145·2
		CANADA LIFE UNIT TRUST MNGRS.		
90·6	72·3	Canlife Gen. Dist	84·8	89·2
136·9	109·4	Canlife Gen. Accum.	128·0	134·7
37·0	32·1	Can.Gilt &FixInDist	34·0	35·7
61·5	52·3	Canlife Income Dist	57·8	60·8
		CANNON FUND MANAGERS LTD.		
269·6	198·6	Income	253·2	*268·1
135·7	106·7	Far East	127·6	135·7
		CATER ALLEN UNIT TRUST MNGRS.		
112·2	103·0	Cater Allen Gilt Tst.	100·6	106·8
		CHIEFTAIN TRUST MANAGERS		
53·6	39·8	American Trust	42·7	45·8
27·1	21·0	Australian Trust	20·8	22·3
54·2	39·8	Basic Resources	37·0	39·6
70·7	55·7	Far Eastern Trust	64·5	68·9
37·3	29·5	Global Recovery Tst	32·7	35·0
47·0	36·3	High Income	38·9	41·7
40·2	32·1	Income & Grth. Tst.	37·5	40·0
66·7	55·5	International Trust	57·9	62·1
21·6	20·3	Pref & Gilt	18·0	*19·3
36·4	32·1	Smaller Co's	31·0	33·2
33·6	27·8	Special Income Sits	30·8	33·0
		CONFEDERATION FUND MNGMT.		
165·2	125·6	Growth	157·0	165·2
		COUNTY BANK UNIT SERVICES LTD.		
238·5	179·2	Capital Trust	210·9	224·3
64·0	49·4	Energy	46·1	49·6
126·2	104·7	Extra Income	117·0	124·4
94·5	74·6	Financial Trust	88·2	93·8
52·4	49·5	Gilt Strategy	50·5	*51·5
229·4	177·4	Growth Invest Trust	211·4	224·8
100·1	80·1	Income Trust	92·4	98·2
83·3	62·3	Japanese&Pac.Grth.	77·2	82·1
100·5	72·2	NthAmer Grwth Tst.	84·0	89·5
145·4	119·7	Portfolio Inv. Fd.	134·5	*140·8
101·6	75·8	Recovery Trust	90·1	95·8
149·7	111·5	Smaller Co's	133·3	141·8
		CRESCENT GROUP		
75·3	60·7	Crescent American	67·9	72·6
80·4	46·5	Crescent Capital Fd.	56·0	59·9
101·4	81·5	CrescentGrwth & Inc	93·4	99·9
97·2	67·9	Crescent High Dist	77·0	82·3
174·5	134·8	Crescent Intnl	162·2	173·5
115·9	90·7	Crescent Tokyo Fd.	108·1	115·6
		CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD.		
107·8	87·9	Crown American Tst	99·6	*106·5
170·6	151·7	CrownGrowthTrust	157·7	167·6
170·9	143·8	CrownHighInc.Tst.	157·6	168·6
		DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MNGMT.		
79·4	68·0	Discretionary Inc.	72·7	76·8
135·7	114·6	Discretionary Acc	123·8	130·7
		EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION LTD.		
276·1	222·8	EquitablPelicanUts.	253·1	269·3
		EQUITY AND LAW UNIT TRUST		
101·9	78·0	Far East Acc.	95·8	101·9
189·1	152·8	General	175·3	186·4
88·9	78·4	Gilts FxdInTst Acc'n	82·2	86·5
160·2	112·4	Higher Inc. Tst. Acc.	148·8	158·2
129·4	95·9	N.Amer. Tst. Ac. Un.	118·1	125·6
116·9	90·8	UKGrwthTst.Ac Un.	107·9	114·7
		F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT LTD.		
67·0	47·8	F & C American Fd.	60·0	64·2
94·6	76·6	F & C Capital Fund	87·3	93·4
62·0	51·9	F & C Income Fund	57·7	61·8
58·2	40·6	F&C Far Eastern Fd	48·5	51·9
		FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LTD.		
90·8	69·3	American	84·2	89·6
61·4	42·3	Amer. Special Sits.	48·5	51·7
31·5	28·2	Gilt & FixedInterest	28·4	*29·5
67·4	49·4	Growth & Income	62·4	*66·4
93·1	51·6	Japan Trust	83·0	88·3
82·3	64·0	Managed Intl. Trust	77·5	83·3
56·1	41·1	Max. Inc. Equity Tst	52·1	55·5
96·2	71·8	Special Situations	89·3	95·1
		FINLAY (JAMES) UNIT TST. MNGMNT.		
87·3	73·0	Fund of Inv. Trust	79·9	85·9
126·2	104·6	Fund of Inv. Acc	115·5	124·2
54·9	46·6	Income	51·1	54·9
70·0	58·4	International	65·2	70·0
89·5	74·5	International Accum	83·2	89·5
19·9	16·4	World Energy Fund	15·9	17·1
27·1	22·4	World Energy Acc	21·8	23·4
		FRAMLINGTON UNIT MNGMT.		
196·2	158·4	American	165·0	175·4
198·2	160·0	Amer. & Gen. Acc.	166·6	177·2
199·0	151·4	Amer. Turnaround	165·4	175·8
199·4	154·6	Amer. Turnrnd. Acc.	169·0	179·6
163·0	107·4	Capital	135·8	144·1
163·2	132·6	Capital Accum	156·4	166·4
78·8	66·2	Convertible & Gilt	73·6	*78·2
97·6	79·8	Convert. & Gilt Acc.	91·8	97·6
111·4	83·2	Extra Inc	103·4	109·8
85·2	67·0	Income	79·0	*84·0
156·4	125·6	Intnl. Growth	133·2	141·6
168·4	137·4	Int. Growth Accum.	146·0	155·2
60·4	44·8	Japan & Gen. Inc	56·8	60·4
93·0	77·0	Recovery Trust	86·6	92·0
98·0	80·0	Recovery Trust Acc.	91·2	97·0
		FRIENDS' PROVIDENT UNIT MNGMT.		
162·2	126·3	Fd's Prov. Enty Uts	149·9	158·6
261·4	200·9	Fd's Prov. Eqty Utd	241·6	255·6
		G. & A. UNIT TRUST MNGRS.		
89·1	70·5	G. & A. Units	84·1	89·1
		G.T. UNIT MANAGERS		
70·1	54·0	G.T. Capital Income	64·4	68·8
97·0	57·3	G.T. Capital Accum.	89·1	95·3
157·5	115·0	G.T. European	128·5	137·5
86·6	65·1	G.T. Far East & Gen	80·5	86·2
64·6	52·0	G.T. Income Fund	59·2	63·4
106·0	84·0	G.T. Intnl. Fund	98·0	104·9
155·5	112·6	G.T. Japan & Gen.	144·4	154·5
102·7	97·9	G.T. Liquid Reserve	99·0	99·5
143·6	110·5	G.T. Pensn. Exempt	135·8	142·2
87·1	62·1	G.T.Tech&GrwthFd	65·6	70·2
54·9	42·4	G.T. U.S. Gen	44·6	47·8
		GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MNGMT.		
58·3	46·3	Gold & Minerals Fd.	46·2	49·4
59·4	44·3	Govett Am.Grth.Fd.	52·7	*56·3
102·4	88·7	GovettEuro.Growth	94·8	101·3
64·5	49·9	Govett Int. Growth.	59·7	63·8
90·4	68·7	Govett Jap Grth. F.	84·5	*90·3
		GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS		
86·2	66·6	American Trust	75·9	80·8
24·7	16·6	Australian Trust	20·3	21·7
42·8	33·3	British Trust	39·1	41·6
76·3	61·6	Commodity Share	64·2	68·6
36·8	29·3	Extra Income	34·3	36·5
81·9	54·0	Far Eastern	76·9	81·5
27·9	24·8	Fixed Interest Trust	24·3	25·9
28·8	25·1	Gilt Trust	25·2	25·3
111·8	88·2	Global Strategy Tst.	104·8	111·5
25·0	16·5	Gold Share Trust	15·9	17·0
103·9	84·1	High Income Tst	96·7	102·9
29·3	17·3	Hong Kong	27·5	29·3
48·1	35·5	Income Fund	44·5	47·4
77·6	58·5	Japan Trust	73·0	77·4
41·0	33·1	Oil & Energy Trust	35·0	37·3
68·9	54·3	Special Situations	64·2	68·3
47·3	38·2	U.K.Sm'llCo'sRecTst	44·1	47·0
		GRIEVESON MNGMNT.—BARRINGTON FUNDS		
237·5	194·7	European	228·0	*237·5
714·2	570·0	General	671·7	714·2
935·5	746·7	General Accum	883·9	935·5
119·1	108·2	Gilt	109·3	*112·7
64·4	51·3	High Yield	60·5	*64·4
119·1	89·7	High Yield Accum.	111·9	119·1
139·6	99·9	Japan	124·0	131·6
240·3	200·8	North America	214·1	*221·5
270·7	226·1	North American Acc.	243·4	252·1
101·5	83·2	Pacific	95·9	98·7
112·9	93·6	Pacific Accum.	104·9	110·3
269·9	222·3	Smaller Co's	253·7	*269·9
		GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE UNIT MNGRS.		
122·6	111·3	GRE Gilt & Fixed	112·9	117·4
156·0	113·1	GRE Gwth Eqty Tst	146·3	*156·6
122·6	92·9	GRE North America	114·2	121·5
144·5	108·8	GRE Pacific	125·8	134·5
154·9	118·1	GRE Property Share	144·4	153·7
162·6	125·8	GRE Small Co's	151·8	161·7
240·5	192·1	Guardhill	237·9	256·1
		HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION		
120·5	91·5	American Recovery	106·5	*114·3
69·6	58·5	Australian Tst	65·2	69·1
55·7	40·5	American Small Co's	45·9	49·1
122·2	97·6	Extra Income	111·0	*119·4
50·8	36·3	Cap. Growth Inc	43·9	46·9
54·5	40·6	Cap. Growth Acc	49·5	52·9
127·5	80·6	European	119·5	126·1
91·2	78·6	Financial	83·7	*89·6
57·6	54·2	Fixed Interest	52·4	*55·5
50·6	45·8	Gilt Fund	44·4	46·1
52·4	45·2	Global Health Care	48·0	51·1
104·3	80·1	Global Technology	92·2	*98·7
135·2	105·2	High Income	116·4	124·5
79·6	60·9	Income & Assets	72·5	77·3
103·8	81·8	Inc. & Growth Inc	94·7	*100·8
192·6	146·3	Inc. & Growth Acc	175·8	*187·0
118·9	95·0	International Trust	109·7	117·4
100·2	76·5	Japan Special Sits	93·9	99·5
94·5	73·3	Japan Trust	88·7	94·5
135·8	99·3	North American	125·5	133·5
92·3	73·7	Oil & Nat. Resources	63·2	67·2
51·0	48·8	Pref. & Gilt	46·5	*49·7
82·0	64·1	Recovery	74·2	79·8
76·7	65·5	Small Co's Div	67·9	72·7
100·6	79·2	Spec. Situations Inc	91·2	97·5
136·6	108·0	Spec. Situations Acc	125·8	134·3
268·4	229·6	Worldwide In	249·5	262·6
		HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST. MNGMT.		
413·5	316·6	British Trust	387·7	412·5
77·5	58·1	Capital Trust	72·2	76·9
184·3	137·6	Dollar Trust	150·1	159·7
51·9	49·1	European Trust	58·1	*61·9
97·0	70·6	Far East Trust	90·7	*96·5
256·1	198·2	Financial Trust	242·2	257·7
629·80	525·80	General Exempt Tst	578·40	629·80
29·4	26·6	Gilt & Fixed Int	27·2	28·3
40·2	35·4	Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	37·6	39·1
49·3	40·2	High Yield Trust	45·4	48·3
59·5	46·6	Income Trust	55·5	59·1
98·1	77·8	Intnl. Trust	91·5	97·5
34·4	24·1	Japanese Tech	29·5	*31·4
41·9	30·0	Natural Resources T	30·1	32·1
135·9	99·5	Security Trust	125·1	133·1
51·8	37·5	Smaller Comp Trust	48·5	51·6
79·3	64·6	Special Sits. Tst	72·7	77·4
		KEY FUND MANAGERS		
167·0	116·5	Key Equity & Gen	152·8	164·4
62·6	57·7	Key Fixed Int. Fd	57·4	61·4
150·1	125·7	Key Income Fund	137·5	147·9
		KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT MNGRS.		
158·8	126·9	K.B. Fd. of Inv. Tsts	144·4	152·8
95·3	77·6	K.B. High Yield	89·5	*94·9
219·6	172·8	K.B. UK Eq Grth In	201·5	219·6
69·2	55·0	K.B. Int Rec Fd Inc	65·0	*69·2
119·7	101·2	K.B. Smaller Co's	109·2	116·3
59·8	41·7	K.B. Wld Tch Fd Inc	41·8	44·7
		LAWSON FUND MANAGERS		
10·8	7·5	Australian & Pacific	7·9	8·6
24·3	21·9	High Yield	20·9	23·6
17·5	13·4	Penny Share	13·7	15·8
		LEGAL & GENERAL TST. MNGRS.		
219·8	172·1	Equity Trust	201·7	215·8
331·2	255·6	Equity Accum	304·0	325·2
72·6	63·0	Gilt	65·9	69·7
63·7	51·0	Intnl. Managed	59·2	*63·0
		LLOYDS BANK UNIT TST. MNGRS.		
149·4	117·2	Balanced	136·7	146·2
256·0	198·9	Accum	234·3	250·5
59·8	49·0	Energy Internat'nal	49·7	53·1
65·5	51·8	Energy Intnl Acc	53·1	56·7
171·6	98·2	Extra Income	108·1	115·5
198·4	151·7	Accum	183·5	195·1
187·4	155·0	Income	[illegible]	[illegible]
359·3	279·0	Accum	338·8	363·4
171·4	138·1	Intnl. Tech. Unit Tst	157·4	168·3
176·7	142·5	Int.Tech.Unit Tst Ac	163·1	174·4
97·6	73·8	Nth. Amer. & Gen	88·1	94·2
108·9	77·8	Nth.Amer & Gen Acc	95·0	99·4
99·8	77·0	Pacific Basin Inc	92·6	99·0
102·9	77·0	Pacific Basin Acc	95·4	102·0
134·5	107·7	Small Co's & Recov.	123·8	132·2
147·7	117·1	Small Co's & Rec Acc	135·8	145·3
157·3	126·5	Worldwide Growth	145·2	*155·6
217·9	174·5	Accum	201·7	215·7
		MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT		
264·4	201·9	MLA Units	244·8	*259·4
38·5	30·0	MLA International	36·1	38·2
		MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LIMITED		
97·9	82·4	Gilt & Fix. Interest	91·3	95·2
58·4	33·8	Growth	55·0	58·4
88·3	70·6	Int. Growth Unit Ts	82·1	87·3
		MARLBOROUGH COURT FUND MANAGERS LTD.		
118·5	94·5	Equity Inc	108·0	115·5
124·5	101·0	International	114·5	122·0
		McANALLY FUND MNGMENT LTD		
43·7	36·4	Delphi Income Trust	40·9	*43·6
74·8	60·3	Delphi Income Acc	71·7	76·5
126·3	103·5	Glen Fund Inc	120·1	128·2
203·8	165·3	Glen Fund Acc	195·3	207·8
		MENCAP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS		
101·3	80·8	Mencap	95·0	*99·5
		MERCURY FUND MANAGERS		
78·0	57·3	American Growth	70·0	74·4
167·1	131·6	Mercury Gen. Dist	155·5	165·2
263·2	205·9	Mercury Gen. Acc	244·7	260·3
83·9	73·3	Mercury Gilt Fd	78·5	*79·2
185·8	144·6	Mercury Intnl. Dist.	173·6	*184·6
227·0	175·3	Mercury Intnl. Acc.	212·6	*225·8
93·1	68·5	Merc. Jap. Fd. Dis	87·5	93·0
126·9	100·5	Mercury Recovery	116·8	124·2
		MIDLAND BANK GP. UNIT TST. MNGRS.		
65·8	47·9	Capital	60·2	*64·2
86·4	54·6	Capital Accum	79·5	84·7
147·2	114·4	Commod. & General	118·7	126·6
198·3	153·9	Commod. & Gen.Acc	160·0	171·6
61·7	47·7	Gilt & Fixed Interest	55·3	59·4
79·0	69·7	Gilt & Fixed Int. Acc.	73·1	76·7
116·2	98·5	High Yield	107·6	114·7
163·8	145·4	High Yield Accum	170·1	181·4
128·2	103·9	Income	118·3	126·1
198·5	150·8	Income Accum	183·1	195·3
170·1	126·6	Japan & Pacific	151·1	161·1
177·5	131·7	Japan & Pacific Acc	165·6	176·6
95·4	76·5	North American	85·5	91·2
109·4	88·9	North American Acc	101·2	107·9
85·4	67·4	Overseas Growth	74·9	*79·8
100·6	79·6	Overseas GrowthAcc	88·9	94·8
96·1	65·2	Smaller Co's Trust	69·2	73·8
87·7	66·8	Smaller Co's Tst Acc	70·9	75·6
		MINSTER FUND MANAGERS		
95·8	91·3	Minster Fund	92·8	95·8
		MONTAGU UNIT TRUST MNGRS LTD.		
50·3	40·2	Gold & Prec. Metals	39·7	42·5
50·3	40·2	Gold & Prec. MetsAc	40·1	42·7
61·0	43·8	Japan Performance	57·2	*61·0
61·1	41·3	Japan Perform. Acc	57·3	61·1
55·5	44·2	UK Market Features	46·8	49·9
55·5	44·2	UK Mark. Feats. Ac	46·9	50·0
61·6	46·7	U.S. Special Feats	55·5	59·1
61·6	47·3	U.S. Spec. Feats. Ac	55·5	59·2
53·8	50·0	U.S. Special Income	50·2	53·5
53·8	50·0	U.S. Spec. Inc. Acc	50·2	53·5
		M. & G. GROUP		
185·7	129·6	American & Gen. Fd.	173·9	184·3
209·8	145·8	American & Gen Acc	196·4	208·2
212·3	162·4	American Recovery	197·8	209·7
226·6	172·5	Amer. Recov. Acc	211·0	223·7
49·3	38·8	Amer. Smaller Co's.	43·7	46·5
106·7	77·1	Australasian & Gen.	88·1	94·3
113·4	83·0	Aust. & Gen. Accum.	95·0	101·7
279·8	225·0	Charifund	277·0	279·8
660·9	490·0	Charifund Accum.	654·3	660·9
205·5	173·0	Commodity & Gen	184·0	195·0
259·8	215·7	C'mod & Gen. Acc	233·7	247·7
380·6	262·1	Compound Growth	299·1	317·0
360·3	209·0	Conversion Growth	245·6	260·3
151·8	120·6	Conversion Income	140·9	149·4
289·6	220·9	Dividend Fund	268·6	*284·7
804·4	588·2	Accum	745·9	790·7
106·4	87·9	European & Gen. Fd	100·4	*106·4
125·8	102·5	Accum	118·7	125·8
163·7	130·5	Extra Yield	151·6	160·7
329·2	249·0	Accum	305·4	323·7
156·9	127·3	Far Eastern & Gen	148·5	158·2
190·0	150·9	Accum	179·2	190·0
187·3	151·6	Fund of Inv. Trust	175·1	*185·6
284·3	227·8	Accum	265·8	281·7
442·7	357·4	General Trust	410·0	*434·6
893·7	712·6	Accum	832·0	881·9
61·1	55·7	Gilt Fund	56·2	59·0
88·2	73·1	Gilt Fund Acc	76·6	80·4
60·3	42·1	Gold & General Fund	41·1	43·6
221·1	176·5	High Income	205·3	*217·6
561·1	425·9	High Income Accum	520·9	552·2
870·2	547·9	Internat. Growth	606·9	640·4
£10·15	840·4	Int'nat'l Growth Acc	950·9	996·1
492·9	361·4	Japan & General	460·7	482·9
525·9	385·6	Japan & General Acc	491·5	525·9
376·7	288·6	Midland & General	350·2	371·2
993·8	615·5	Accum	850·0	879·8
33·0	30·4	N.A.A.C.I.F.	—	33·0
356·9	285·5	Accum	—	336·9
357·2	274·9	Pension Exempt	327·7	337·2
229·3	182·4	Recovery Fund	210·7	*225·4
286·6	221·7	Accum	263·4	281·8
506·7	398·9	Second General	473·4	*501·8
961·2	800·4	Accum	897·9	951·8
511·1	430·3	Smaller Co's Fd	477·7	506·4
770·7	623·2	Smaller Co's Accum	720·4	763·7
326·4	274·2	Trustee Fund	301·1	322·2
		MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TST.		
105·3	60·1	Murray American	98·4	105·3
106·5	87·3	Murray European	99·1	106·5
159·8	111·1	Murray Smaller Co's	139·1	150·9
		NATIONAL PROVIDENT INV.		
154·2	111·8	N.P.I. Growth Dist	144·9	*154·2
240·8	179·7	N.P.I Growth Acc	225·3	240·8
		N.E.L. TST. MANAGERS		
59·1	50·7	Nelstar H. Income	55·7	58·6
		NORWICH UNION INS. GROUP		
970·8	769·7	Norwich U Gp Tst Fd	904·9	952·5
		OPPENHEIMER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD.		
43·5	34·1	Practical Inc. Units	38·9	42·0
76·4	59·9	Practical Acc. Units	68·8	74·2
28·5	22·3	American Grwth Tst	24·1	25·7
40·2	28·8	Income & Growth	37·4	40·0
88·3	71·4	International	82·6	*88·3
38·2	26·5	Japan Growth Fd	33·9	36·1
52·9	42·0	Special Situations	48·6	*51·8
		PEARL TRUST MANAGERS		
93·5	75·4	Pearl Unit Trust	86·4	*92·0
156·6	118·5	Pearl Unit Accum	144·6	153·9
66·5	53·8	Pearl Growth Fund	61·7	65·7
98·6	77·3	Pearl Growth Acc	89·6	95·4
84·9	64·6	Pearl Income Fund	78·4	83·5
		PERPETUAL UNIT TST. MNGMNT.		
57·7	45·8	American Growth F.	52·6	56·5
175·7	137·9	Growth	161·8	173·7
151·7	99·3	Income	120·8	129·4
56·1	50·0	Int. Em'g Co's	51·9	55·7
		PROLIFIC UNIT TRUSTS		
57·5	51·3	Prolific Extra Inc	52·7	*57·1
125·9	93·5	Prolific Far Eastern	114·3	122·5
124·3	92·2	Prolific High Inc	115·2	122·6
88·7	70·3	Prolific Intnl	82·5	88·4
117·2	91·5	Prolific Nth Amer	107·8	115·5
139·9	102·4	Prolific Special Sits	129·8	*138·1
157·8	107·3	Prolific Technology	118·7	127·2
		PRUDENTIAL PORTFOLIO MNGRS.		
322·9	254·0	Prudential Units	298·5	317·5
		QUILTER MANAGEMENT CO.		
321·9	257·8	Quadrant General Fd	313·5	324·9
181·9	142·8	Quadrant Income	177·5	181·6
310·8	253·0	Quadrant Intnl. Fd.	280·7	298·2
223·5	163·7	Quadrant Rec. Fd.	181·8	196·6
141·3	115·1	Wickmoor	123·2	127·2
219·0	175·7	Wickmoor Acc	211·5	219·0
128·9	138·4	Wickmoor Dividend	132·9	137·4
216·6	173·0	Wickmoor Div. Acc.	210·9	216·6
		RELIANCE UNIT MANAGERS LTD.		
135·8	107·6	British Life	124·0	131·1
84·7	64·3	Reliance Inc	77·4	82·7
108·0	82·8	Reliance Acc	98·6	105·6
		RIDGEFIELD MANAGEMENT		
115·9	77·0	Income Trust	96·7	*102·9
224·8	181·8	International	218·7	*232·7
		ROTHSCHILD ASSET MNGMNT.		
352·5	221·5	N.C. America Inc	231·6	245·7
329·9	208·5	N.C. America Acc	246·0	262·6
336·5	233·9	N.C. Income Fund	281·5	306·6
155·4	92·5	N.C. Japan Fund	125·8	132·4
112·3	93·3	N.C. Smaller Co's	103·6	109·0
		ROWAN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT		
185·3	143·5	American	176·0	180·0
158·5	125·5	Far East	135·0	138·5
153·0	132·5	Fixed Interest Fund	147·0	148·0
125·5	112·5	High Interest Fund	117·5	*116·5
122·5	95·5	High Yield	119·5	*122·5
264·5	212·0	Merlin Fund	256·0	264·0
534·0	435·0	Securities Fund	508·0	525·0
		ROYAL LIFE FUND MNGMNT. LTD.		
47·7	37·1	Equity Trust	44·0	46·6
59·8	44·7	International Trust	56·0	59·5
		ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MNGRS. LTD.		
54·4	42·9	Gilt Inc	49·5	52·2
54·5	46·2	High Inc	50·5	53·5
63·1	39·7	Income & Growth	58·6	62·4
71·1	52·9	Special Sits	65·6	71·0
		SAVE & PROSPER SECURITIES		
62·1	46·3	Amer. Inc. & Growth	58·1	62·1
87·5	69·3	Capital	80·9	*86·5
62·6	42·6	Commodity Share	51·7	55·0
58·9	49·0	Energy Industries	51·8	55·1
57·3	48·9	European Growth	53·0	56·5
42·2	33·3	Exploration Fund	35·5	37·1
66·3	55·5	Financial Securities	61·8	*65·7
58·5	52·1	Gilt & Fixed Int. Inc	51·5	54·3
73·4	66·7	Gilt & Fixed Int. Gth	67·7	71·5
130·8	102·5	High Return	122·0	129·7
112·6	90·2	High Yield	105·1	111·6
69·3	65·6	Income	72·2	76·6
69·5	58·6	Investment Trust	64·0	68·4
58·4	42·9	Japan Growth	54·9	58·4
93·8	62·5	Japan Smaller Co's	82·0	87·6
109·5	83·7	New Technology Fd.	100·3	*106·7
95·2	75·6	Scotbits	88·3	94·4
126·5	103·5	Scotshares	111·6	*118·7
122·2	83·9	Scotyields	99·1	105·4
68·9	49·7	Select Intnl.	57·9	61·9
116·7	94·4	Smaller Co's Inc. Fd	107·1	113·9
98·2	70·8	S.E. Asia Growth	90·8	96·5
79·0	58·7	Special Sits. Fund	67·4	72·0
134·5	103·6	U.K. Equity	123·5	132·0
71·1	58·3	Universal Growth	65·5	69·6
64·6	46·8	U.S. Growth	56·9	60·5
		SCHRODER UNIT TRUST MNGRS LTD		
111·7	91·1	American Income	101·5	108·4
112·4	91·6	American Acc	102·5	109·2
81·6	59·1	Australian Income	68·7	72·7
85·2	62·1	Australian Acc	72·1	76·2
62·8	55·5	European	59·0	62·8
63·6	55·6	European Acc	59·7	63·6
59·4	51·2	Gilt & Fixed Int. Inc	52·8	55·5
77·9	68·1	Gilt & Fixed Int. Acc	70·3	74·1
128·3	101·3	Income Inc	118·5	*126·3
270·4	204·8	Income Acc	249·7	266·2
90·0	71·2	International Fd	83·9	*89·4
122·3	91·0	Internatnl. Fd. Acc.	114·6	122·3
65·6	50·0	Japan Smaller Co's	61·5	65·5
89·4	73·1	Singpore&MalaseInc	74·3	*79·2
104·3	86·5	Smaller Co's Income	97·9	*104·3
87·5	70·4	Special Sits. Inc	77·1	82·8
135·5	99·2	Tokyo Income	122·7	130·8
79·6	62·9	U.K. Equity	73·2	*78·0
118·5	91·6	U.K. Equity Acc	109·4	116·6
		SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FUND MNGRS.		
126·0	102·3	Income	117·0	124·5
178·9	144·4	Accum	167·2	177·9
		SCOTTISH UNIT MANAGERS LTD.		
34·4	25·9	Scottish Income Fd.	31·7	34·0
31·3	25·3	Scot. Nth.Amer. Fd.	28·1	30·1
38·4	29·1	Scottish Pacific Fd.	35·9	38·4
39·9	23·3	Scot.WorldGrth.Fd.	28·6	30·6
		STEWART UNIT TST MNGRS.		
181·0	152·9	American Fund	167·8	178·9
163·2	103·8	Australia Fund	116·3	123·1
362·0	308·8	British Capital Fund	364·8	387·9
167·2	129·4	European Fund	157·1	167·2
210·3	153·0	Japan Fund	195·0	208·7
		SUN ALLIANCE FUND MNGMNT.		
321·0	248·9	Equity Trust	296·8	315·7
54·3	50·0	Far East. Unit Trust	51·3	54·3
53·2	44·3	N. America Unit Tst	49·5	52·8
		3I & TARGET FUND MNGRS LTD.		
87·2	69·4	Small Co's Fund	69·7	74·3
		TARGET TRUST MANAGERS		
77·6	60·2	American Eagle	67·5	*72·2
37·4	28·9	Australian Fund	30·0	32·0
121·6	95·5	Commodity Fund	93·5	*100·5
64·7	45·5	Energy	41·6	45·5
99·2	74·3	Equity Fund	91·6	97·4
588·2	456·3	Equity Exempt	541·8	*577·9
610·50	507·5	Equity Exempt Acc.	584·9	610·50
95·2	82·0	Extra Income	89·0	95·2
196·9	150·4	Financial Fund	183·0	195·5
226·5	196·6	Gilt Capital Fund	203·7	213·3
113·2	101·3	Gilt Income	101·6	106·4
99·2	90·0	Gold Fund	63·3	67·5
173·8	114·2	Gold Fund Acc	111·0	120·5
59·3	34·3	Income Fund	54·7	*58·5
54·1	36·4	Japan Fund	49·6	52·9
36·9	29·2	Malaysia&Singapore	29·8	31·8
86·0	50·9	Pacific Fund	68·4	73·2
68·0	50·7	Pacific Re-invest	63·0	66·8
16·5	14·6	Preference Fund	15·3	16·5
443·3	358·5	Professional Fund	408·0	435·2
79·4	45·7	Target Spec. Sits	74·2	79·4
53·1	41·9	Technology	42·7	45·5
52·3	44·6	U.S. Special Bond	46·5	49·7
111·1	89·1	Worldwide Cap. Fd.	103·0	*109·8
		TEMPLE BAR UNIT TRUST MNGRS.		
41·7	36·2	Gilt Trust	37·8	39·2
39·0	31·9	High Income Trust	36·1	39·1
107·0	80·9	North American	98·2	105·2
100·2	88·5	Recovery Trust	94·2	101·0
66·4	55·9	St. Vincent Hi. Inc	63·3	65·3
66·0	50·0	St.VincentUSGth Fd	62·5	65·2
		TOUCHE, REMNANT UNIT TRUST MAGMNT. LTD.		
27·1	22·0	TR Amer. Grwth Fd.	23·8	25·6
28·8	23·0	TR Global Technlgy	25·0	26·9
36·6	30·1	TR Income Gth. Fd.	33·3	35·8
36·2	28·7	TR Inc. Monthly Fd	33·2	35·5
39·4	30·7	TR Overseas Gth Fd	35·9	*38·2
35·4	28·4	TR Smaller Com. Fd	32·6	35·2
33·9	25·4	TR Special Opps. Fd	31·3	*33·3
		TRANSATLANTIC & GEN. SECS.		
355·0	283·8	Coleteco	338·5	355·0
580·7	438·7	Accum	534·6	560·7
215·9	159·7	FieldingAm&Gen Fd	195·2	215·9
225·7	160·2	FieldingAm&Gen Ac	206·5	225·7
184·7	145·3	Fielding Fund	168·0	184·7
197·6	151·8	Fielding Acc	184·0	197·6
130·2	107·0	Fielding Income	121·6	130·2
135·7	95·8	S & W American	129·2	135·7
		T.S.B. UNIT TRUST		
99·9	76·6	T.S.B. American	92·4	98·4
87·7	72·7	T.S.B. Extra Inc	81·6	86·9
129·9	99·8	T.S.B. General Inc	114·3	121·6
194·0	147·8	T.S.B. General Acc	178·4	189·9
51·0	41·5	T.S.B. Gilt & Fix Int	46·0	49·0
156·6	124·2	T.S.B. Income	144·8	*154·1
240·6	194·0	T.S.B. Intnl. (Scot)	224·2	238·6
290·3	232·4	T.S.B. Int.Ac. (Scot)	270·5	287·8
123·5	91·2	T.S.B. Pacific Inc	116·0	123·5
50·3	37·6	T.S.B. Select.Op.Ac	46·8	49·6
		TYNDALL MANAGERS LTD.		
90·8	61·5	Australian Sec. Fund	68·5	*73·4
277·8	224·2	Capital Fund	255·6	*271·0
473·0	378·8	Accum	457·6	484·0
239·6	199·2	Exempt Fund	206·2	*219·8
468·0	387·2	Accum	434·4	462·8
143·9	114·6	Far Eastern	134·0	143·6
39·1	32·4	Fin. & Property	36·2	38·6
58·5	47·8	Fin. & Property Acc	54·1	57·7
116·1	105·4	Gilt Capital Trust	109·3	115·6
112·0	100·6	Gilt Income	102·1	*106·0
41·1	33·8	High Yield	38·0	40·5
78·7	64·1	High Yield Acc	76·6	81·6
174·4	143·6	Income Fund	159·8	*169·4
495·4	393·2	Accum	460·8	488·6
134·8	108·4	Intnl. Earnings Fd.	123·8	132·0
188·2	149·8	Accum	174·0	185·4
67·1	53·3	Internat. Gwth. Fnd	58·8	62·7
77·9	60·6	Japan Gwth.Fd.Acc.	71·7	76·8
241·4	177·6	Natural Resources	190·0	202·4
337·6	248·6	Accum	267·0	284·4
118·8	95·0	N. American Gth.	103·6	*110·9
135·6	107·7	N. Amer. Gth. Acc.	117·8	126·1
115·8	104·6	Preference Fund	104·2	111·0
255·0	228·0	Pref. Accum	237·8	253·4
308·4	251·5	Scottish Income	283·2	*301·8
142·5	122·1	Smaller Companies	132·2	140·8
183·8	159·9	Smaller Comp. Acc	171·0	182·2
85·7	69·9	Special Situations	74·8	79·7
		UNIT TRUST ACCOUNT & MNGMT.		
98·8	76·3	Friars House Fd	92·8	*98·8
		WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MNGRS LTD		
69·5	52·5	American Tst	65·4	69·2
44·8	33·2	Australia	38·9	41·9
71·3	53·8	Far East & Gen	66·6	70·9
58·1	44·0	Income Tst	55·1	59·3
74·2	54·1	Japan Grth	69·3	74·6
61·6	47·2	Nat. Resources	48·0	*51·0
106·1	82·8	Smaller Company's	96·0	103·2
38·2	30·4	Technology	35·1	37·4
98·6	71·5	U.K. Trust	91·4	*97·3
		WIELER (ANTHONY) & CO.		
82·5	50·6	Wieler Growth Fund	58·1	68·5
84·7	68·0	Accum	78·8	84·7

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High 1984-5	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
		ABBEY LIFE ASSURANCE CO.		
84·2	68·6	Equity Series I	78·9	83·1
241·5	224·5	Property Series I	214·7	226·1
89·8	71·2	Equity Accum Ser. 2	81·6	85·9
295·5	282·8	Property Acc. Ser. 2	278·4	293·1
214·2	189·5	Selective Acc. Ser. 2	201·8	212·5
218·9	170·5	American Series 4	207·4	218·4
93·1	72·8	Equity Series 4	87·3	91·9
172·5	153·8	Fixed Interest Ser. 4	157·8	166·2
218·8	173·2	High Income Ser. 4	207·1	218·0
117·1	101·1	Indexed Inv. Ser. 4	109·6	115·4
300·7	256·7	Managed Series 4	284·0	299·0
184·0	174·7	Money Series 4	175·0	184·3
230·7	226·5	Property Series 4	218·9	230·5
559·9	452·2	Pensions Equity	524·5	552·2
173·5	155·9	Pensions Fixed Int	161·1	169·6
119·5	104·6	Pens. Indexed Inv	111·5	117·4
485·6	414·5	Pensions Managed	456·7	482·9
356·8	345·9	Pensions Property	346·5	364·8
286·8	271·8	Pensions Security	282·2	297·7
221·2	193·4	Pensions Selective	208·5	219·6
		ALBANY LIFE ASSURANCE CO.		
537·3	445·3	Equity Fund Acc	510·1	536·9
823·4	651·8	Equity Pen. Acc	777·2	818·1
263·8	240·0	Fixed Int. Acc	248·0	261·0
471·4	418·7	Fixed Int. Pen. Acc.	437·3	460·2
282·2	210·6	Intnl. Man. Accum	269·1	282·2
338·3	216·2	Intnl. Man. Pen. Acc	321·4	338·3
169·2	130·6	Japan Fund	160·6	169·0
186·7	135·9	Japan Fund Pen	177·2	186·5
412·3	353·8	Mult. Inv. Acc	391·7	412·3
689·7	555·4	Mult. Inv. Pen. Acc.	626·3	659·7
138·1	113·6	North American Fd.	126·4	133·0
197·2	186·2	Property Fund Acc	187·4	197·2
273·3	241·7	Prop. Pension Acc	259·7	273·3
		ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES (C.I.)		
85·2	78·9	Government Secs T.	75·1	*78·7
		BARCLAYS UNICORN INTNL (I.O.M.)		
96·5	74·9	Uni-Australian	79·8	*84·9
81·9	58·5	Uni-Aust. Mineral	62·0	66·0
236·3	174·5	Uni-Pacific	210·3	223·8
93·1	74·2	Uni-International	86·9	92·5
		BRITANNIC UNIT LINKED ASSURANCE LTD.		
173·7	136·8	Britannic Man.Fund	165·0	173·7
112·0	107·1	Britannic Prop. Fd.	105·6	111·2
		BARCLAYS LIFE ASSURANCE CO.		
155·3	118·1	American Accum.	144·5	152·2
152·4	122·5	Australian Accum	148·5	156·6
290·3	243·0	Barclay Bond	270·0	284·3
321·7	259·7	Equity Accum	306·0	321·9
189·7	168·6	Gilt-Edged Acc	176·0	185·3
228·1	186·4	International Acc	195·7	207·1
244·8	207·9	Managed Acc	230·8	242·8
164·3	155·6	Money Acc	156·1	164·4
211·5	197·3	Property Acc	200·9	211·5
159·2	121·9	Income Acc	150·3	158·6
156·7	138·0	Financial Acc	147·3	155·1
153·3	126·6	"500" Acc	145·6	153·3
258·5	219·4	Gilt-Edged Pen. Acc	234·4	246·8
232·0	150·1	Greater Pacific Acc	203·3	210·9
315·5	263·5	Managed Pen. Acc	298·1	313·9
220·8	200·4	Money Pen. Acc	209·6	220·8
		CANNON ASSURANCE		
647·69	519·25	Equity Unit	547·69	—
658·0	527·0	Equity Acc	658·0	—
417·1	359·3	Managed Acc	417·1	—
£16·91	£17·52	Property Unit	£16·51	—
£29·86	£24·81	Bal.Bnd. Exec. Unit	£25·47	£27·97
£32·16	£26·95	Equity Bond Exec	£30·56	£32·36
£26·22	£24·01	Prop. Bond Exec	£24·76	£26·22
211·3	166·6	Sec. American Acc	193·6	204·9
249·8	210·2	Sec. Equity Acc	235·1	249·8
129·6	100·0	Sec. Far East Acc	117·7	124·6
165·0	148·6	Sec. Gilt Acc	152·2	161·1
212·5	167·0	Sec. High Inc. Acc	200·8	212·5
167·9	152·2	Sec. Intnl. Mon.Acc	158·7	157·9
221·6	178·5	Sec. Managed Acc	193·5	221·6
197·8	182·8	Sec. Property Acc	186·9	197·8
306·8	223·4	Sec. Am. Pens. Acc	287·7	304·4
368·5	296·4	Sec. Eqty. Pens. Acc	348·2	368·5
127·6	101·0	Sec. Far E. Pens.Acc	120·6	127·6
232·0	177·4	Sec High Inc PensAc	219·1	232·0
216·7	185·6	Sec Int Mon Pens Ac	204·6	216·7
270·7	233·1	Sec. Man. Pens. Acc	256·6	270·7
263·0	232·2	Sec. Prop. Pens.Acc	248·5	263·0
89·5	76·0	L. & E.S.I.F.	84·5	89·5
59·5	53·0	L. & E.S.I.F. (2)	56·0	59·5
		CHIEFTAIN ASSURANCE		
217·4	158·1	American	171·5	180·5
117·9	120·8	Basic Resources	110·2	116·0
234·9	160·1	Far Eastern	218·8	230·3
148·3	116·6	High Income	121·3	127·7
156·5	127·2	Income & Growth	148·2	156·0
163·4	128·5	International	155·2	163·4
227·2	173·0	Managed Growth	192·8	203·0
109·5	91·7	Managed Income	97·2	102·3
		CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE		
173·7	151·7	Equity Fund	165·0	173·7
132·0	112·3	Gilt Fund	123·3	129·8
127·9	110·3	Nat. Resources Fd.	121·5	127·9
		above prices for policies issued after 1.11.1980		
		COMMERCIAL UNION GROUP		
125·3	110·8	Fixed Interest	116·9	122·0
156·7	130·6	International Equity	149·9	157·8
179·1	135·3	Managed	169·1	178·0
182·2	138·3	U.K. Equity	170·5	179·5
		CONTINENTAL LIFE INSURANCE		
205·1	174·5	Life Man. Fund Acc.	192·9	203·1
216·5	174·9	Pen. Man. Fund Acc.	205·6	216·5
		CORNHILL INSURANCE		
184·0	155·0	Equity Fund	174·5	184·0
145·0	131·0	Fixed Interest Fund	134·5	142·0
407·5	356·0	Managed Fund	387·0	407·5
132·0	124·0	Money Fund	125·0	132·0
		CRITERION ASSURANCE GROUP		
113·4	100·0	Criterion Man. Fd.	107·7	113·4
37·0	29·8	Pens. Man. Cap.	35·1	37·0
40·3	32·7	Pens. Man. Acc	38·3	40·3
—	—	Pens. Guar. Dep. Cap	—	—
29·9	27·4	Pens. Guar. Dep. Acc	28·4	29·9
		CROWN LIFE ASSURANCE		
175·6	152·0	1st. Fund Income	165·0	173·6
276·2	214·7	Equity Fund Acc	258·3	271·8
201·5	178·8	Fixed Int. Fd. Acc.	185·7	195·4
246·7	196·8	Intnl. Fund Acc	232·4	244·6
299·7	245·9	Inv. Tst. Fd. Acc.	282·7	297·5
251·1	211·3	Managed Fund Acc	236·0	248·4
161·2	150·0	Money Fund Acc	153·2	161·2
165·1	149·8	Property Fund Acc.	156·8	165·0
		EAGLE STAR INS. MIDLAND ASS'CE		
134·4	108·4	Eagle Midland	127·7	134·4
		EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASS'CE		
212·0	190·5	Fixed Interest Fund	196·6	206·9
163·7	155·4	Gutd. Deposit Fund	159·6	163·7
279·7	242·4	Mixed Fund	264·1	277·9
241·7	222·7	Property Fund	229·7	241·7
341·7	278·6	U.K. Equities Fund	319·0	335·7
		FRIENDS PROVIDENT LINKED LIFE		
114·9	107·2	Fixed Interest Acc	105·9	111·5
126·0	106·5	Mixed Acc	118·4	124·7
124·3	103·5	Overseas Equity Acc	117·5	123·7
118·6	104·3	Property Acc	112·6	118·6
143·0	112·2	U.K. Equity Acc	133·1	140·2
		G.T. MANAGEMENT (U.K.) LIMITED LONDON AGENTS		
$8·67	$7·57	Anchor Intnl	$7·79	$7·80
		G R E LINKED LIFE ASSURANCE LTD		
153·1	144·8	Deposit Acc	145·4	153·1
403·1	315·9	Equity Acc	380·1	400·9
250·6	218·9	Fixed Interest Acc	232·2	244·4
106·0	93·2	Index-LinkedGiltAc	99·7	104·9
309·1	258·2	International Acc	293·4	309·1
268·7	219·7	Managed Initial	254·6	268·0
306·5	248·0	Managed Acc	290·5	305·8
125·2	96·4	North Amer. Acc	118·7	124·9
136·3	103·5	Pacific Acc	129·5	136·3
148·8	145·4	Property Acc	140·8	148·2
		GRESHAM UNIT ASSURANCE LTD		
333·9	288·8	Managed Fund	316·9	333·5
301·2	235·2	Equity Fund	285·8	301·2
133·1	117·3	Fixed Int. Fd.	124·1	130·8
173·5	164·8	Money Fund	164·8	173·5
195·0	186·8	Property Fd.	185·1	195·0
278·2	221·8	Fram. American	242·5	255·5
294·1	218·5	Fram. Capital	279·1	294·1
270·2	222·7	Fram. Income	255·8	269·7
305·6	254·3	Fram. Int. Growth	275·0	289·8
188·7	156·8	Fram. Recovery Tst.	179·1	188·7
		HAMBRO LIFE ASSURANCE		
302·9	229·0	H. Amer. Equity Fd.	287·7	302·9
158·0	125·0	H. American Man	150·1	158·0
119·8	106·8	H. American Prop	113·8	119·8
511·4	417·6	Hambro Equity	485·8	511·4
208·5	197·1	H. Fixed Int. Dep.	198·1	208·5
240·5	217·4	H. Gilt Edge	228·4	240·5
275·5	239·9	H. Managed Cap	261·7	275·5
429·4	370·4	H. Managed Acc	407·9	429·4
348·0	271·9	H. O'seaEarnsAcc	324·7	341·8
315·3	289·2	H. Property	299·5	315·3
128·2	94·2	H. Pen. Am. Eq. Acc	121·7	128·2
998·4	771·7	H. Pen. Equity Acc	948·4	998·4
126·5	100·0	H. Pen Far East Acc	120·2	126·5
111·6	100·0	H. Pen. F. I. Acc	106·0	111·6
330·0	295·1	H. Pen G. Edged Acc	313·5	330·0
861·3	704·7	H. Pen. Man. Acc	818·2	861·3
110·0	100·0	H. Pen. Mortg. Acc	104·5	110·0
627·9	572·3	H. Pen. Prop. Acc	596·5	627·9
		HEARTS OF OAK BENEFIT SOCIETY		
150·9	136·0	Managed Fund	140·5	149·1
		HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION		
242·2	185·1	Far East	230·0	242·2
227·7	185·7	Managed	213·7	225·0
252·9	197·2	North American	237·1	249·1
215·3	181·7	Special Situations	201·3	211·9
		HILL SAMUEL LIFE ASSURANCE		
381·4	330·6	Managed Units	360·3	379·3
219·8	190·8	Man. Series A	207·7	218·7
169·9	149·8	Man. Series C	160·5	169·0
204·2	192·7	Money Units	193·9	204·2
169·4	159·3	Money Series A	160·4	169·4
234·8	195·3	Equity Series A	222·6	234·4
191·4	167·5	Fixed Int. Series A	171·3	180·1
		HODGE LIFE ASSURANCE CO.		
219·5	185·5	Hodge Bonds	208·6	219·5
190·7	170·1	Takeover Fund	181·2	190·7
		IMPERIAL LIFE ASSURANCE		
202·2	167·6	Growth Fund	184·2	202·2
204·8	173·3	Pension Managed Fd	186·4	204·8
314·6	248·3	Equity Fund	298·9	314·6
203·2	178·5	Fixed Int. Fd.	186·2	196·0
199·5	172·8	Managed Fund	189·5	199·5
163·5	145·2	Property Fund	155·3	163·5
		IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE		
227·8	188·2	Global Fund	216·4	227·8
481·4	427·0	Managed Fund	457·3	481·4
		LEGAL & GENERAL (UNIT ASS'CE.)		
128·3	125·2	Cash Initial	121·4	127·8
161·3	157·4	Cash Accum	153·2	161·3
352·5	274·4	Equity Initial	328·0	345·3
443·3	336·6	Equity Accum	413·6	435·4
235·0	209·7	Fixed Initial	214·6	225·9
285·5	260·3	Fixed Accum	270·6	284·8
219·6	181·2	Intnl. Initial	202·4	213·1
266·9	221·4	Intnl. Acc	251·3	264·6
276·2	238·1	Managed Initial	258·8	272·5
347·3	295·3	Managed Accum	326·4	343·6
151·8	144·7	Property Initial	143·1	151·4
191·0	176·6	Property Accum	181·3	190·9
		LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE		
58·3	52·0	Global Growth Fund	53·4	56·1
50·8	45·6	Key Fund	47·0	49·4
27·5	24·4	Sel. Sec. 'A'	26·1	27·5
26·0	23·6	Select Security Fund	24·6	26·0
117·4	106·2	Spearhead Fund	111·2	116·8
22·6	19·5	Blue Chip Fund	21·2	22·4
20·8	18·8	Fixed Yield Fund	19·7	20·8
16·8	15·8	Guaranteed Man. Fd	15·9	16·8
20·8	18·2	Managed Fund	19·6	20·7
		LLOYD'S LIFE ASSURANCE		
210·8	197·9	Opt. 5 Dep. 'A' Fd	200·2	210·8
373·6	303·0	Opt. 5 Equity 'A' Fd	350·9	369·4
289·9	263·2	Opt. 5 H. Yld. 'A' Fd	266·7	280·1
354·2	311·2	Opt. 5 Man. 'A' Fd	336·4	354·2
276·1	251·1	Opt. 5 Prop. 'A' Fd	262·2	276·0
114·5	100·2	High Inc. Tst. Fd.	108·1	113·8
		LONDON & INDEMNITY & GENERAL INSURANCE		
75·8	67·3	Money Manager	71·3	75·8
65·0	56·5	Money Man. Flexible	61·7	65·0
		LONDON LIFE LINKED ASSURANCE LIMITED		
307·5	236·2	Equity	—	307·5
184·1	162·1	Fixed Interest	—	179·7
130·3	109·0	International	—	130·3
234·5	199·6	Mixed	—	234·5
197·2	172·6	Property	—	197·2
		LONDON LIFE MANAGED FUNDS LTD.		
251·5	171·3	Equity (P)	—	251·5
197·6	172·2	Fixed Interest (P)	—	194·5
133·4	108·8	Indexed Stock (P)	—	122·7
136·9	104·5	International (P)	—	136·4
190·3	159·6	Mixed (P)	—	190·3
144·8	128·2	Property (P)	—	144·8
		LONDON & MANCHESTER GROUP		
523·6	404·1	Capital Growth Fd	—	516·3
226·1	195·4	Flexible Fund	—	226·1
154·5	147·2	Guaranteed Dep.Fd.	—	154·5
381·4	311·8	Invest. Trust Fund	—	377·9
201·2	156·6	Money Maker Fund	—	196·9
131·6	128·1	Property Fund	—	131·6
		MANUFACTURERS' LIFE INS. CO.		
128·2	100·5	Investment	132·0	138·1
173·6	160·9	Deposit	164·9	173·6
302·6	234·9	Equity	287·1	302·2
306·5	268·6	Gilt-Edged	285·8	300·8
252·9	206·8	International	237·8	250·3
288·6	251·1	Managed	274·0	288·4
229·2	197·1	Property	214·7	229·2
		MERCHANT INVESTORS ASSURANCE		
201·0	190·5	Conv. Deposit Bond	—	201·0
131·5	108·6	Equity Bond	—	131·5
212·9	187·2	Managed Bond	—	212·9
254·8	235·1	Money Market Bond	—	252·7
292·0	277·5	Property Bond	—	292·0
235·5	206·2	Intnl. Equity	—	235·5
219·4	194·8	Intnl. Managed	—	219·4
126·0	108·6	North America	—	120·1
		M. & G. GROUP		
171·9	106·8	America Bond	161·5	169·7
218·8	174·7	American Recovery	207·2	217·1
132·9	101·2	Australasian	114·5	120·3
152·9	131·1	Commodity	139·7	146·8
200·8	190·2	Convert. Deposit Bd	191·1	200·8
176·8	140·4	Equity Bonds	166·0	174·4
396·0	324·2	Equity Accum	371·8	390·5
210·5	182·8	Extra Yield Bonds	196·3	206·2
520·9	449·9	Family Bnds-1982-85	520·0	—
136·3	110·8	Far Eastern	129·5	136·1
211·4	184·9	Gilt Bond	194·8	204·7
168·6	131·8	High Yield Bond	157·4	165·4
274·0	224·1	International Bonds	260·9	274·0
149·2	96·7	Japan Bonds	135·3	142·2
331·8	267·5	Managed Bonds	315·1	328·8
116·3	91·2	Mirror Bonds	116·3	—
674·3	582·3	Pers. Pension	—	683·9
364·6	256·1	Property Fund	251·9	264·6
179·3	145·4	Recovery Bond	167·1	175·6
		N E L PENSIONS LTD.		
354·0	280·3	Neles Equity Accum	336·3	354·0
		NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE Plc.		
376·1	322·8	Kiwi Key Inv. Plan	374·8	376·1
301·5	234·9	American	250·2	263·3
152·2	119·3	Deposit	143·5	151·4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gilt	[illegible]	[illegible]
153·0	131·4	High Inc. Eqty. Dist	143·9	153·0
116·6	100·3	High Inc. Fix Int Dis	105·9	111·5
402·5	325·2	Pacific	383·4	402·5
175·3	111·1	Property	152·7	160·7
174·3	135·0	U.K. Equity	165·5	174·2
		NORWICH UNION INS. GROUP		
185·0	172·4	Norwich Deposit Fd.	175·9	185·0
955·5	655·8	Norwich Equity Fd.	932·6	981·9
307·2	271·1	Norwich Fix. Int. Fd.	282·3	297·1
542·3	437·8	Norwich Managed Fd	509·9	536·7
279·2	256·2	Norwich Property Fd	265·3	279·2
		PHOENIX ASSURANCE CO.		
289·8	[illegible]	Wealth Assured Bds.	275·2	289·8
		PROPERTY EQUITY AND LIFE ASS. CO.		
150·7	107·4	R.S. Equity Bond	—	150·7
265·8	224·8	R.S. Flex. Mon. Bd.	—	265·8
124·9	109·7	R.S. Managed Bond	—	124·9
108·6	102·5	Int. Man. Cur. Fd	—	108·6
		PROPERTY GROWTH ASSURANCE		
529·8	[illegible]	Equity Fund	502·3	522·3
519·0	399·6	Equity Fund (A)	507·9	507·9
305·9	185·9	Gilt Edged Fund	222·0	232·0
336·9	182·9	Gilt Edged Fund (A)	222·0	232·0
299·2	236·6	Intnl. Fund	281·8	291·0
289·2	235·6	Intnl. Fund (A)	281·0	291·0
156·2	134·7	Investment Fund	156·2	156·2
152·8	131·5	Investment Fd. (A)	152·8	152·8
236·0	219·0	Money Fund	236·0	236·0
231·0	215·0	Money Fund (A)	231·0	231·0
		PROVIDENCE CAP. LIFE ASS'CE		
133·0	112·6	Equity Acc	126·9	133·6
102·1	87·6	Fixed Int. Acc	94·1	99·9
94·4	78·4	Intnl. Acc	89·4	94·4
108·8	91·9	Managed Acc	103·2	108·6
139·2	120·4	Property Acc	131·9	139·2
84·0	68·3	Special Market Fund	79·6	84·8
		PROVIDENT LIFE ASSOC. OF LONDON LTD.		
601·0	492·0	Plus Units	572·0	601·0
		PROVINCIAL LIFE ASS'CE		
211·1	156·9	High Income	197·7	208·4
193·9	155·4	International	182·5	192·1
347·5	280·1	Managed	326·8	344·4
226·3	180·8	North American	210·8	223·1
264·9	208·0	Technology	229·0	241·4
		PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE CO. LTD.		
142·3	124·0	Prufund Managed F.	135·6	142·3
		PRUDENTIAL PENSIONS LTD.		
£74·02	£56·68	Equity Fund	£72·64	£74·84
£46·20	£39·59	Fixed Interest Fund	£44·74	£45·33
£13·62	£10·62	International Fund	£12·95	£13·36
£30·41	£25·22	Property Fund	£26·80	[illegible]
£13·00	£11·84	Cash	[illegible]	[illegible]
183·4	154·1	Managed	176·9	184·3
130·6	119·8	Cash Fund	125·5	130·6
		REFUGE INVESTMENTS LTD.		
177·6	150·1	Managed	168·7	177·6
143·6	131·6	Property	136·4	143·6
		RELIANCE MUTUAL INSURANCE		
173·3	141·9	Equity Fund	164·0	172·6
163·9	140·2	Managed Fd.	155·3	163·5
		ROWAN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT		
375·4	342·3	Rowan Bond	340·4	357·3
		ROYAL INSURANCE GROUP		
414·3	348·6	Royal Shield	388·7	411·3
		ROYAL LONDON MUTUAL INS. SOC. LTD.		
205·8	170·3	R.L. Mixed Fund	195·5	205·8
		SAVE & PROSPER GROUP		
305·4	265·9	Balanced Invest	288·1	304·9
206·3	187·8	Deposit Fund	194·8	206·3
67·3	50·7	Equity Pension Fd.	62·5	66·2
250·5	224·3	Gilt Fund	233·5	247·1
98·7	79·8	Global Equity Fund	91·5	96·7
76·0	65·8	Global Pension	71·8	76·0
65·8	52·0	Managed Pension Fd	62·1	65·8
304·9	288·5	Property Fund	288·1	304·9
60·0	55·7	Property Pension Fd	55·5	58·8
		SCHRODER LIFE GROUP		
204·6	170·3	American (4)	189·1	199·2
194·4	180·7	Deposit (4)	184·6	194·4
590·1	500·8	Equity (4)	560·5	590·1
275·3	246·0	Fixed Int. (4)	254·9	268·4
151·8	135·8	Gilt & Fixed Int. (4)	139·9	147·3
204·5	168·0	Income Dist. (4)	194·2	204·5
262·7	209·0	Income Accum. (4)	249·5	262·7
198·1	168·0	International (4)	185·3	195·1
318·6	275·8	Managed (4)	298·7	314·5
200·8	171·2	Overseas (4)	190·7	200·8
298·5	282·0	Property (4)	283·4	298·4
256·7	214·1	Smaller Compan's(4)	243·7	256·7
331·0	178·0	Tokyo (4)	216·1	227·5
119·8	108·8	Deposit Pension (C)	113·7	119·8
347·7	282·5	Equity Pensions (C)	330·3	347·7
230·9	196·2	Fixed Int. Pen. (C)	208·5	219·5
123·4	109·4	Guaranteed Pen. (C)	116·2	122·4
106·7	95·5	Index-Link Gilt P(C)	99·8	105·2
777·1	660·9	Managed Pension (C)	738·2	777·1
263·2	231·9	Property Pension(C)	250·0	262·2
205·2	165·7	Spec Exempt Pen(C)	194·8	205·2
		SCOTTISH AMICABLE INVESTMENTS		
127·9	120·8	Cash	121·5	127·9
239·6	183·8	Equity	215·9	227·3
165·5	145·5	Fixed Interest	152·8	160·9
195·1	168·4	International	184·0	193·7
193·8	156·9	Managed	181·9	191·5
126·4	118·6	Property	120·0	126·4
		SCOTTISH WIDOWS FUND & LIFE		
319·0	265·8	Invest. Policy Ser. I	319·0	318·8
311·7	280·3	Invest. Policy Ser.II	296·1	311·7
307·7	259·2	Invest. PolicySer.III	292·3	307·7
167·5	157·8	Invest. Cash	159·1	167·5
		SKANDIA LIFE ASS.		
190·6	159·5	Equity Acc	179·4	188·9
157·4	143·1	Gilt Plus Acc	148·2	156·0
201·5	175·2	International Acc	190·2	200·3
175·7	155·4	Managed Acc	166·8	175·6
		STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO.		
261·1	213·0	Managed Fund	244·1	257·0
322·6	252·7	Pen. Managed Fund	302·8	319·8
		SUN ALLIANCE LINKED LIFE INS.		
385·5	304·1	Equity Fund	359·6	378·6
241·9	204·2	Fixed Int. Fund	213·5	224·6
245·3	190·9	International Fd.	233·0	245·3
300·8	248·0	Managed Fund	283·2	298·2
253·2	226·6	Property Fund	229·9	242·0
£28·11	£21·73	Intnl. Bond	—	£28·11
		SUN LIFE ASS. CO. OF CANADA (U.K.)		
387·3	306·1	Maple Leaf Equity F	—	387·3
557·5	456·9	Maple Leaf GrowthF	—	557·5
318·8	276·7	Maple Leaf Man. Fd.	—	318·6
579·3	381·9	Pers. Pen. Plan	—	579·3
208·4	176·8	Pension Man. Cap.	197·9	208·4
284·0	235·4	Pension Man. Acc.	269·7	284·0
		SUN LIFE UNIT ASSURANCE LTD.		
168·7	160·4	Cash	160·2	168·7
155·6	135·4	Distribution	137·4	144·7
429·1	358·4	Equity	402·5	423·7
192·0	171·2	Fixed Interest	175·1	184·4
240·2	202·5	International	228·1	240·2
323·1	274·8	Managed	305·1	321·2
205·9	189·7	Property	195·6	205·9
		TARGET LIFE ASSURANCE		
225·4	120·7	Deposit Fd. Inc	117·8	124·1
155·0	132·7	Fixed Int.Fd. Inc	134·3	141·4
237·5	212·8	Gilt Pen Fd. Cap	216·8	228·3
316·2	259·5	Gth Pen Fd. Acc	289·8	304·6
578·4	464·0	Man Pen Fd. Cap	549·2	578·4
739·1	592·5	Man Pen Fd. Acc	702·2	739·1
280·0	179·0	Managed Fd. Inc	203·3	214·1
329·6	255·6	Managed Fd. Acc	290·6	305·9
203·4	157·4	Ret. Plan Cap	190·1	202·8
312·3	259·0	Ret. Plan Acc	293·4	311·5
		TEACHERS ASSURANCE		
115·4	105·9	Cash Fund	107·7	115·4
119·1	104·2	Gilt & Fixed Int. Fd.	110·3	116·1
135·3	114·5	Managed Fund	128·5	135·3
		TRANSINTERNATIONAL LIFE INS. CO.		
421·1	358·7	Tulip Invest Fund	406·0	421·1
296·0	253·3	Tulip Managed Fund	281·3	296·0
214·2	185·3	Managed Bond Fund	203·5	214·2
329·9	277·4	Managed Pen.Cap (1)	313·5	329·9
425·5	353·3	Managed Pen. Acc (1)	403·3	425·5
210·3	181·5	Managed Inv. Initial	199·8	210·3
245·9	208·7	Managed Inv. Acc	231·8	243·8
		TRIDENT LIFE ASSURANCE CO.		
227·5	191·6	American	211·4	222·6
248·5	220·8	Fiscal	234·3	246·7
225·4	199·1	Gilt Edged	208·5	219·5
291·7	257·8	Growth Accum	278·0	292·8
107·7	99·0	Henderson Active	99·9	105·2
306·4	255·0	High Yield	288·4	305·7
179·9	153·5	International	167·7	176·
254·6	223·8	Managed	241·2	254·0
306·4	287·8	Property	291·3	306·8
337·9	285·2	Pens. Equity Acc	307·1	324·0
253·4	221·6	Pens. Gilt Edged Ac.	234·4	246·8
342·3	295·0	Pens. Managed Acc	324·1	341·2
312·0	272·5	Pens. Property Acc	296·3	312·0
115·5	98·0	Perpetual Active	104·4	110·0
116·5	103·0	Swiss Bond Fund	105·8	118·5
92·0	76·2	Trident Bonds	87·3	92·0
255·3	225·1	U.K. Equity Fd.	248·8	262·0
115·4	107·2	Woolwich Fund	109·5	115·5
		TYNDALL ASSURANCE LTD.		
191·6	185·0	Property Fund	—	184·7
447·5	421·0	3-way Fund	—	447·5
		VANBRUGH LIFE ASSURANCE		
198·2	188·2	Cash Fund	188·1	198·0
650·4	325·5	Equity Fund	609·1	641·2
301·5	264·9	Fixed Int. Fund	277·3	291·9
282·7	218·1	International Fund	249·4	262·6
345·8	295·0	Managed Fund	327·1	344·4
251·3	224·7	Property Fund	238·5	251·1
413·6	322·4	Equity Pension	386·9	407·3
267·6	225·5	Fixed Int. Pension	247·8	260·9
144·7	121·4	Inter Money Pension	137·4	144·7
309·0	255·4	Managed Pension	290·6	305·9
217·2	201·5	Property Pension	205·6	216·5
11·25	8·44	Guaranteed Pen. (3)	—	9·56%
		WARBURG INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT (IOM) LTD.		
63·7	55·1	Merc. IOM Fund	58·4	62·2
45·2	39·4	Merc.Intnl. Bond Fd	42·4	45·2
		WINDSOR LIFE ASSURANCE CO.		
327·7	275·0	Accum Pen Units	311·3	327·7
185·1	165·3	Flex. Inv. Growth	175·8	185·1
183·4	159·4	Investors Units	174·0	183·2

* Ex-distribution.
‡ Based on offer prices.
WX Ex-withdrawal.

EEC inflation

THE ANNUAL inflation rate of the European Community fell to 6·5 p.c. in November, the lowest since before the 1973 oil crisis. Eurostat, the Community's statistics office, said prices in the 10-nation bloc rose by an average of only 0·4 p.c. in November after an increase of 0·8 p.c. in October.

Best and worst

ONLY 70 unit trusts out of 597 finished 1984 with offer prices below last January's, according to figures from Planned Saving. Most of the losers are invested in commodity shares, particularly gold and Australian equities.

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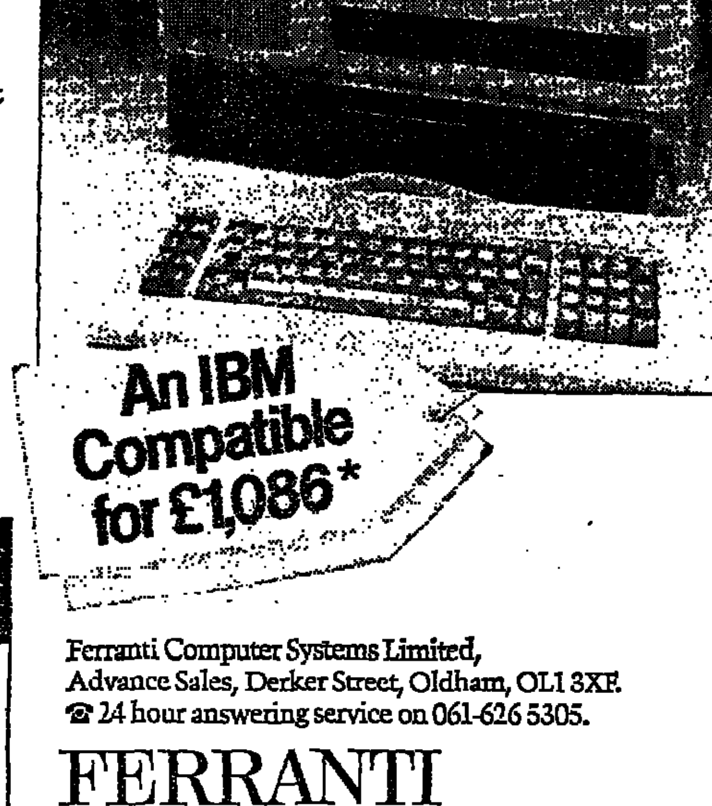

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COMPANIES

Heritable lifts Hoskins terms

BUILDING materials and hospital equipment group Hoskins & Horton's shares jumped 18 to 301p yesterday after Scottish Heritable Trust announced a new improved offer worth £8·3 million.

Scottish Heritable's new terms, ten of its shares plus 315p cash for every three Hoskins Ordinary, are worth 305p a share. Its 100p a share preference terms remain the same.

The offer tops the agreed bid from London & Midland Industrials, worth around £7·69 million, by some £600,000 or 25p a share. There is also a cash alternative worth just over 288p a share.

A pre-condition of L M I's offer was the sale of Hoskins building materials side to Redland. Scottish Heritable has no such preconceived intentions but has received a number of serious enquiries from parties interested in acquiring the division, and says if its offer is successful it would carry out a review of this side of the business.

L M I is considering its position: Hoskins will write to shareholders with its response as soon as possible.

British Benzol

THE pits dispute has sent British Benzol Carbonising plunging into the red in the half-year to Sept. 30. On sales £2·35m down at £4·79m, pre-tax losses come out at £522,000, compared with profits of £26,000, and chairman William Douie warns that the continuing dispute can only ensure the position remains difficult.

The second half of the year, however, is expected to show some improvement.

As usual, there is no interim dividend.

Kitchen Taylor

R. KITCHEN Taylor, whose activities range from knitwear manufacture to property dealing, has weighed in with pre-tax profits of £2·06m for the twelve months ended September against £1·959m and earnings of 34·48p (24·59p) due in part to a proportionately lower tax charge.

It is changing its year-end to end-March and the current accounting period will cover 18 months, meantime a second interim of 8p on March 29 makes 11p (same) and a final of not less than 3·5p is intended in July.

Manufacturing companies were mostly working to full order books and sales to the United States are still expanding. The year ahead, it adds, will see a continuation of expansion.

IN BRIEF

Gresham Life Assurance: Investment and guaranteed bonds £17·8m (£12·2m). Total annual premiums, reflecting the withdrawal of LAPR, fell 9 p.c. to £7·3m, but individual pension business increased 47 p.c.

NFU Mutual & Avon Insurance: New annual premiums £3·87m (£3·50m); new single premiums £5·16m (£2·56m).

Scottish Mutual Assurance: New annual premiums £20·9m (£14·3m); single premiums £54·0m (£7·87m).

Kleinwort Benson Gilt Fund: Net revenue for period April 4 to Dec. 31, 1984, £1·44m (£1·08m). Third interim dividend 31·4p (29·8p), making 89·88p (91·15p) so far, NAV per participating share, £11·32 (£11·90).

RBC North American Fund: No interim dividend (same).

Albion: Full-year pre-tax profit £415,000 (£481,000). Turnover £6·12m (£6·77m). Eps 11p (12·8p); no dividend (same).

BIDS AND DEALS

W. Canning

W. CANNING is to acquire for £410,000 cash, 80 p.c. of Euromega SA, a Paris-based electronic component distribution company. In 1983 Euromega had sales of £5m and pre-tax profits of some £120,000. Net assets attributable to the 80 p.c. acquired are put at £160,000.

Yattendon

THE BID by Yattendon Holdings, owned by the Iliffe family, for B P M Holdings, the retail, packaging and publishing group which includes the Birmingham Post and Mail and London and Westminster Newspapers and which is already effectively controlled by the family, is wholly unconditional.

Unilever has sold its S P D Group grocery distribution company to the worker-owned National Freight Consortium for an undisclosed sum.

Redland

REDLAND'S half-owned Dutch offshoot has bought three building materials businesses from the Netherlands company D S M for £20m. R B B Europa is jointly owned with Verenigde Bedrijven Bredero, and started initially as a manufacturer of concrete roof tiles.

In 1983 it started making bricks and the acquisitions announced yesterday will take it into ceramic wall and floor tiles, as well as kitchen and sanitary ware. It will have a £100m a year turnover.

Redland has sold an American replacement window subsidiary, Season-all Industries for $15m.

Longman-Vernon

PEARSON subsidiary Longman has acquired Vernon Publishing Company of Vernon, Connecticut, for $5·25m (£4·57m) cash. Of this, $4m was paid on Dec. 31 and the balance is payable in three equal annual instalments commencing Dec. 31, 1985. Vernon has a well-established niche in publishing for the life insurance industry in the United States.

No reference

THE following mergers are not to be referred to the Monopolies Commission: Ladbroke's £71m offer and Intasun Leisure's original £44m offer for Comfort Hotels; Greycoat City Offices' £66m bid for Churchbury Estates and the minority in Lad Land.

Xerox

CRUM and Forster, a subsidiary of the United States Xerox Corporation, has sold five office properties in America on a sale-and-leaseback basis for $127m (£112m) to provide long-term capital to support its insurance operations.

NEW LIFE BUSINESS

Pearl

TOTAL new premiums under life assurance policies and annuities issued by Pearl Assurance in the industrial and ordinary branches amount to £92·1m (£81·9m). Of this, new annual premiums contributed £55·3m (£57·8m) and single premiums and annuity considerations £36·8m (£24·1m).

These new premiums provide for total new sums assured of £945m (£1·03bn) and annuities per annum of £39·3m (£28·6m). In the ordinary branch, new annual premiums are £21·1m against £24·8m and new sums assured £535m (£635m).

Sun Alliance

THE Sun Alliance Insurance Group reports that in 1984 new annual preiums for worldwide life and pensions business totalled £47·8m (£55·8m) and new single premiums £64·3m (£55·5m). Sales of individual pensions business were particularly booyant with annual premiums up 57 p.c. to £9·1m and single premiums up 25 p.c. to £7·8m. These figures exclude results for Phoenix Assurance and Property Growth Assurance.

The 1984 life new business results for the Phoenix Group worldwide are—new sums assured £5·42bn (£4·11bn); new annuities per annum £15m (£15m); new annual premiums £39m (£32m); and new single premiums £60m (£32m).

General Accident

GENERAL Accident Life Assurance (formerly known as Yorkshire-General). Net new sums assured £2·86bn (£2·95bn) of which £2·3bn (£2·39bn) in respect of life business and £558m (£559m) pensions business. Immediate annuities £1·1m per year (£1·5m), deferred annuities £39·3m per year (£39·8m) and permanent health benefits £7·5m per year £6·7m). New annual premiums £24·1m (£27·4m).

NEW ISSUES

Assoc. Furniture

HARVARD Securities has announced the first new issue of 1985, on its over-the-counter market. It is raising £800,000 for Associated Furniture Holdings with an offer of 3·48m shares, 34·5 p.c. of the equity, at 25p a share.

Associated designs and manufactures office screens used to separate open-plan offices and integrated office furniture. It makes no firm forecast for 1985 but expects to make around £400,000 pre-tax on sales of £1·5m.

THE QUESTOR COLUMN

Entrad cools towards Tootal

A TACTICAL pre-bid manoeuvre or a genuine sign that Australian textile giant Entrad Investments Proprietary is giving up the ghost where Tootal Group is concerned?

Yesterday's announcement that Entrad has mortgaged its 12·8 million share stake in Tootal (7 p.c.) and subsequently reduced this holding by 400,000 shares to 12·4 million has cast several heavy clouds over the Tootal share price which lost 4½p to 60p yesterday.

That surely was the intention behind Entrad's move. It is not clear how much Entrad has raised from the mortgaging of its Tootal stake with bankers Tricontinental Corporation and Tricontinental Holdings of Melbourne but it is highly unlikely that the company has any dire need of funds.

Entrad has been active on the acquisition front over the last 18 months or so and its purchase of Tootal shares at between 52p and 60p each must have cost it around £7·1 million. But Entrad is a fast moving company which only recently raised a $28 million by a rights issue.

It seems most likely that Entrad is trying to emphasise two points. The first, as it informed its shareholders in November, is that despite the speculation it has no intention of making a full bid for Tootal, and, second, that it is not going to buy any more shares at all while the price hovers around the 60p mark.

Entrad has always said it intends to build up a significant shareholding — probably between 15 p.c. and 20 p.c. and then demand board representation. But it is not prepared to pay through the nose and has demonstrated that its interest is waning by offering its holding as security for a loan.

If the takeover speculation is removed Tootal's share price at this stage of the textile cycle will surely come back further. After all, assuming current-year profits of around £22 million its its prospective earnings multiple at 8·5 is a couple of points higher than that of Courtaulds.

It is unlikely that the bid hopes will disappear completely however. Entrad is not seling its stake, just raising money on it, to be employed elsewhere until the Tootal price becomes attactive again. That could be when it sinks back below 55p.

A A H shares rate a 'hold'

WHETHER the miners "drift back" or "surge back" — or even stay at home — the progressive dividend policy of solid fule distributor A A H Holdings is intact for another year.

A A H is forecasting a lift in dividends, for the sixteenth successive year, of about 10 p.c. for the year to March 31, 1984. At last night's 124p, the shares boast a near 8 p.c. prospective yield.

The forecast came in support of a vendor placing of A A H shares to finance the acquisition

Lew Cartier — stake in Caffyns raised from 6·5 p.c. to 7·25 p.c., via Lewinda Enterprises.

of a couple more pharmaceutical distributors, Herbert Ferryman in the South of England and Northern Pharmaceuticals in Yorkshire.

Despite the brave words on the dividend, the miners' strike is hurting. Profits for the eight months to end November are little changed, but the final four months of winter will take a toll on the group total for the year.

British Fuel Company, in which A A H has a 50·25 p.c. interest, contributed half group trading profits last year—although a much smaller percentage at the attributable level once minority interests had been accounted for.

Its profits will be sharply lower and will drag the group pre-tax balance down from £10·5 million in 1983-84 to at best around £9 million. Earnings per share must be expected to dip from 14·4p to nearer 13p, and cover for the higher dividend is unlikely to hit two times.

But considering how long the strike has been underway and that it completely disrupted British Fuel's summer buying programme, a 10 p.c. reduction in earnings will cause few complaints.

A A H's non-fuel interests continue to grow, as the latest pair of acquisitions demonstrates, and the income yield puts the shares firmly into the "hold" category. But when the strike is finally settled, buy.

Strong family ties at Caffyns

FAMILY controlled companies have a common thread — they don't welcome outsiders. That hasn't stopped Lew Cartier of Cartier Superfoods fame from increasing his stake in Caffyns, via Lewinda Enterprises, from around 6·5 p.c. to 7·25 p.c.

Mr Cartier has knocked on other doors before — Maynards and Cullen's Stores — and Caffyns' stance yesterday was that he can keep on knocking as long as he likes. With a family chain going back to a great grandfather, Caffyns declares it is not in a takeover situation, especially not to "a property developer."

The rub lies not only with the family's equity holding, but also in its ownership of the class of preference shares which puts the family voting position at well over the 50 p c mark.

The investment attraction to Lewinda Enterprises is Caffyns' net asset value—nearly 360p a share against a market price of 120p—and a 5·4 p c yield.

But it would be wrong of Ordinary investors to bank too heavily on the asset situation—that only comes into play if takeover is a distinct possibility, the market is littered with discount situations, and Caffyns is not in a selling mood.

On fundamentals Caffyns has certainly turned the corner and, after a series of losses, turned in a 1984 pre-tax profit of £614,000 compared with £34,000 previously on a turnover up from £72 million to £90 million.

Property sales have, however, always played a large part, though at the interim stage ending September 30 profits were still marching forward.

Caffyns has traded between a high of 140p and a low of 115p over the past year, and there seems little on the horizon which should shift them out of this range if the company remains very much a family affair.

Wine hits beer sales

NEW figures from the Brewers' Society show beer sales stagnating as demand for wine forges ahead and spirits also stage a recovery.

Beer production in November was down almost 4 p.c. on a year earlier at 3·42 million bulk barrels. Output for the first 11 months of 1984 was up a mere 0·02 p.c. at 34·2 million bulk barrels.

So it all depends on the Christmas trade on whether the brewers sold more or less last year compared with 1983. And soundings round the country leave them agonisingly unsure, with "very patchy" returns.

Unconfirmed estimates suggest wine sales at Christmas were up by 15 p.c. on a year earlier at 225 million litres and that sales of spirits were up by 5 p.c. at 140 million bottles.

COMMODITIES

LONDON METAL MARKETS
Rudolf Wolff Report:

COPPER: Steadier. Wire Bars: Off settlement £1,134 (£1,145), off midday cash £1,133·50-£1,134, 3 months £1,141-£1,141·50, after close cash £1,134-£1,134·50, 3 months £1,142·50-£1,143. T/o 13,425 tonnes. Cathodes: Idle. Off settlement £1,129 (£1,135), off midday cash £1,127-£1,129, 3 months £1,145-£1,146, after close cash £1,128-£1,130, 3 months £1,145-£1,145. T/o 500 tonnes.

TIN: Easier. Off settlement £9,968 (£10,000), off midday cash £9,566-£9,968, 3 months £9,930-£9,955, after close cash £9,945-£9,955, 3 months £9,910-£9,920. T/o 1,455 tonnes.

LEAD: Steady. Off settlement £373 (£386), off midday cash £372-£373, 3 months £330-£331, after close cash £373-£374, 3 months £330-£331. T/o 8,475 tonnes.

ZINC: Steady. Off Settlement £691 (£685) Off Midday Cash £690-£691, 3 Mths £686-£686·50, Aft Close Cash £690-£691, 3 Mths £686·50-£687, T/O 8,325 Tonnes.

SILVER: Quiet. Midday Cash 524·0p-524·5p, 3 Mths 537·1p-537·5p, Aft Close Cash 527·0p-529·0p, 3 Mths 541·0p-541·5p. T/O 64 Lots of 10,000oz each.

ALUMINIUM: Steadier. Off Settlement £897·50 (£912), Off Midday Cash £897-£897·50, 3 Mths £920-£920·50, Aft Close Cash £901·50-£902·50, 3 Mths £924·50-£925. T/O 7,300 Tonnes.

NICKEL: Steady but Quiet. Off Settlement £4,190 (£4,200), Off Midday Cash £4,185-£4,190, 3 Mths £4,202-£4,203, Aft Close Cash £4,190-£4,195, 3 Mths £4,205-£4,210, T/O 636 Tonnes.

LONDON GOLD FUTURES (price in $). Feb. 304·10, April 307. T/O 517 lots of 100 troy ozs each.

LONDON SILVER MARKET: Spot 525·65 (546·55), 3 Mths 536·00 (559·35), 6 Mths 550·50 (574·10), 1 Yr 577·65 (601·65).

PLATINUM: Free-Market £241·30 (£246·65).

LONDON COMMODITY MARKETS

RUBBER: Spot, 63-66 (63-66). Futures: Inactive. Feb. £610-£660, March £620-£670, April £630-£680, May £640-£690, June £650-£700, July £660-£710, Aug. £670-£730, Sept. £680-£730, Oct. £690-£740. T/O 14 lots.

SISAL: East African quoted levels. No 1 Basis $660, No 3 Long $680, C.I.F., Antwerp Prices.

SUGAR: London Daily Price Raws £85 $97·50. No. 6 contract, $ per tonne, March 117·40-117·60, May 124·80-125·20, Aug. 135·20-135·60, Oct. 142·20-142·60, Dec. 148·80-149·80, Nov. 163·60-164, May 170-170·80. T/O 1,676 lots.

SOYA MEAL: Unchanged. Feb. £142·50-£144, April £142·50-£148·50, June £143-£144·50, Aug. £146-£148, Oct. £147·10-£150·50, Dec. £148-£151·50, Feb. £150-£154. T/O 11 lots.

Cocoa, £ per ton. March 1,874, May 1,886, July 1,893, Sept. 1,893, Dec. 1,845, March 1,837. Sales: 984.

Coffee, £ per ton. Jan. 2,821, March 2,260, May 2,272, July 2,275, Sept. 2,278, Nov. 2,276. Sales: 2,496.

LONDON GRAIN MARKETS

Barley. £ per ton. Jan. 111, March 113·85, May 116·75, Sept. 98·05, Nov. 101·35. Wheat "B." £ per ton. Jan. 110, March 113·25, May 116·90, July 118·70, Sept. 98·05.

HGCA: Locational ex-farm spot prices. West Midlands: Feed wheat 107·60, feed barley 108·90. North West: Feed wheat 109, feed barley 106·90.

CRUDE OIL

Rotterdam spot prices in $: Arab Light 27·75, Dubai 27, Arab Heavy 26·10, North Sea (Forties) 26·20, North Sea (Brent) 26·35, Nigerian Bonny Medium 27·10.

GAS OIL FUTURES

Jan. 216·75-16·50, Feb. 216·75-16·50, March 214·13·75; April 212-11·75, May 212·25-12, June 212·25-10, July 214, Aug. 226. Volume 2,558. Premier Man.

(G A F T A)

PIGMEAT: (Gafta). Feb. 110·3, April 109·3, June 106·9, Aug. 103 3, Oct. 110·2, Nov. 111. T/O 117 lots.

POTATOES (Gafta). Feb. £46·10, April £54·10, May £56·90, Nov. £70·30, Feb. £82. T/O 143 lots of 40 tonnes each.

COVENT GARDEN

Fruit lb: apples eating 12-26, cookers 8-16; bananas 28-30; grapes Spanish 32-38, SA 110; lychees 70; clementines 16-24; satsumas 14-17; pears 14-26. Each: avocados 15-30; coconuts 28; dates 50-60; figs 11; grapefruit 5-10; kiwi 16-20; lemons 3-8; limes 16; melons honeydew 60-100; peaches and nectarines 20-40; oranges 5-12; ugli 30-60; sharon 24.

Salad lb: tomatoes 12-23, beef 35; chicory 60; chinese leaf 25; parsley 50; cabbage 10. Bunch: radish 20; watercress 15. Each: celery 18-24; cucumbers 24-34; lettuce 14-16, iceberg 30-70, endive 70.

Vegetables lb: aubergine 30; Kenya bean 110; sprouts 13-16; brussel tops and spring green 10-15; cabbage 10; calabrese 38; carrots 7-9; capsicums 40-50; corgettes 40-50; fennel and garlic 35-40; leeks 20; mangetout 60; mushrooms 40-80; onions 6-10; parsnip 8-10; potatoes old 3-5, new 20-21; spinach 20; swedes 6; turnips 7; cauliflower 30-32 each.

LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices yesterday: GB cattle 97·89p kg lw (−3·37); sheep 187·61p kg est dcw (−20·24); pigs 88·13p kg lw (−6·95). England and Wales: Cattle Nos., up 9·2 p.c., ave. price 97·74p (−3·93); sheep Nos., up 8·9 p.c., ave. price 188·05p (−19·37); pig Nos., up 49·3 p.c., ave. price 88·26p (−6·83). Scotland: Cattle Nos., up 73·2 p.c., ave. price 98·41p (−0·53); sheep Nos., up 76·3 p.c., ave. price 186·55p (−22·99); pig Nos., up 22·2 p.c., ave. price 86·16p (−7·41).

MONEY & EXCHANGES

Late rally for sterling

THE COST of three-month deposits in the inter bank market rose about a quarter per cent. to 10½ p.c. during the morning, but the Bank of England intervened early to meet an estimated shortage of £500 million by buying £515 million of bills at established rates.

A further £45 million of late assistance direct to the market followed, and three month inter bank rates closed either side of 10⅝ p.c.

Bill traders pushed dealing rates in the market for three and six month bills up to 10½ p.c. bid, however, a full point above the Bank's dealing rates and the market still expects base rates to rise. The discount houses paid 9 p.c. for fresh funds and rates showed little give.

The pound opened weak, but rallied through the day helped by profit taking in dollars. Sterling ended the day at $1·1495 up 30 points, and a late rally against Continental currencies helped it regain the 0·5 fall on Wednesday to close at 72·8 p.c. of the 1975 level.

The dollar climbed above 3·18 marks but then eased to close at 3·1660, down just over one pfennig. The dollar held onto gains against the Swiss franc however.

THE POUND ABROAD

	3-1-85	Prev. close
Austria	26.60–.63	26.51–.56
Belgium*	72.70–.78	72.75–.83
Canada	1 5168–.5166	1 5160–.6167
Denmark	12 9712–.9882	12 9927–13.0098
France	11.1241–.1296	11 1156–.1510
Germany W	3 6340–.6389	3 6335–.6390
Holland	4 1013–.1065	4 0900–.1050
Ireland	1.1656–.1695	1.1610–.1670
Italy	2227.71–2237.10	2230.85–2234.54
Japan	289.81–290 16	286.45–288.87
Norway	10.5214–.5268	10.4774–.4923
Portugal	195.16–196 73	194 10–196.62
Spain	200 63–.82	200.29–.58
Sweden	10 3566–.3714	10.3571–.3719
Switzerland	3 0078–.0121	3 0002–.0051
Utd. States	1.1499–.1500	1.1466–.1470

* Convertible rate.

Effective Sterling Exchange Rate Index
NOON 72·6 (72·4) CLOSE 72·8 (72·5)
(Base 1975 = 100)

OTHER MARKET RATES

Argentina	Peso 206 93–207.29
Australia	A$1 4070–1 4085
Brazil	Cruzeiro 3643.00–3666.00
Cyprus	C£ 0.7437–0.7486
Finland	Markka 7 5963–7.6019
Greece	Drachma 146.45–147 90
Hong Kong	HK $ 8.9840–8.9940
India	Rupee 14.2857
Iraq*	Dinar 0.3554–0.3571
Kuwait	Dinar 0.3485–0.3525
Malaysia	Ringgit 2 82–2 83
Saudi Arabia	Ryal 4.09½–4.11½
Singapore	S$ 2.52–2.55
South Africa	Rand 2.3365–2 3422
United Arab Emirates	Dirham 4.1985–4.2185

* Subject to limit.

DOLLAR RATES

	3-1-85	Prev.close
France	9·6875	9·7100
Germany	3·1660	3·1770
Switzerland	2·6230	2·6190
Japan	252·35	251·80
Trade weighted ave.	145·05	146·70

EUROCURRENCIES

DOLLARS:
7 days 8⁵⁄₁₆–8½ · 1 month 8⁵⁄₁₆–8½
3 months 8¹¹⁄₁₆–8¹³⁄₁₆ · 6 months 9⁵⁄₁₆–9¼

MARKS:
7 days 5⅜–5¾ · 1 month 5⁹⁄₁₆–5¹¹⁄₁₆
3 months 5⁹⁄₁₆–5¹¹⁄₁₆ · 6 months 5⅝–5¹¹⁄₁₆

SWISS FRANCS:
7 days 3¼–3½ · 1 month 4⅜–4¾
3 months 4¼–4⅞ · 6 months 4¼–4⅝

FORWARD RATES

The forward rates for currencies for one month and three months are as follows:

Austria	6–5 Gro pm	19¼–15⅞ Gro pm
Belgium	5–8 c dis	1–9 c dis
Canada	0.02–0.07 c dis	0.09–0.02 c pm
Denmark	1⅝–2⅛ ore dis	4¾–5¾ ore dis
France	½–1½ c dis	⅝–1⅝ c dis
Germany W	1½–1¼ Pf pm	4½–4⅛ Pf pm
Holland	1⅜–1¼ c pm	4⅛–4⅜ c pm
Italy	6–10 Lire dis	19–24 Lire dis
Japan	1–⅞ Yen pm	3⅛–2⅞ Yen pm
Norway	2⅝–3 ore dis	6½–7½ ore dis
Portugal	260–590 c dis	750–1750 c dis
Spain	40–60 c dis	125–160 c dis
Sweden	1½–1⅞ Ore dis	3¼–3¾ ore dis
Switzerland	1½–1¼ c pm	3¼–4 c pm
Utd. States	0.16–0.13 c pm	0.46–0.43 c pm

GOLD PRICE

1st Fix $299·50 · 2nd Fix $302·50
Close $303·50 ($306 50)
Sterling Equiv. £264·02 (£266 46)

KRUGERRANDS*

£269 00–£317·40 (£271·60–£320·81)

PLATINUM NOBLES

£248·10–£260·95 (£253·60–£256·50)

NEW SOVEREIGNS*

£59·60–£76·69 (£60·00–£77·74)

* Banks selling rate includes VAT and charges. Buying rate excludes VAT. Prices are for single coins.

MONEY MARKET RATES (per cent.)

CLEARING BANKS Base Rate 9½–9¾ Nov 19
FINANCE HOUSES Base Rate 10pc (Jan. 2.
DISCOUNT MKT.:
Day-to-Day 8½–9
INTERBANK: · Overnight 8½–8¾
7 days 9⅜–9½ · 1 month 10–10¹⁄₁₆
3 months 10⁵⁄₁₆–10⁷⁄₁₆ · 6 months 10½–10⅝
LOCAL AUTHORITY DEPOSITS:
Two days 9⅜ · Seven days 9⅝
One month 9¾ · Three months 10⅛
BANK BILLS: · 1 month 9¾–10⅛
3 months 9¾–10⅛ · 6 months 9⅞–10¼
TREAS. BILLS: · 1 month 9⅞–10⅛
2 months 9⅞–10⅛ · 3 months 9¾–10⅛
STERLING C.Ds.: · 1 month 9⅞–10
3 months 10¼–10⅜ · 1 year 10⁵⁄₁₆–10⁷⁄₁₆
DOLLAR C.Ds.: · 1 month 8.35–8.45
3 months 8.46–8.66 · 1 year 9.70–9.90

Fire damage up

FIRE damage cost an estimated £41·4m in November, compared with £39·2m the previous month and £36·6m in November 1983, reports the British Insurance Association. Fire damage for the first 11 months of 1984 totalled more than £500m.

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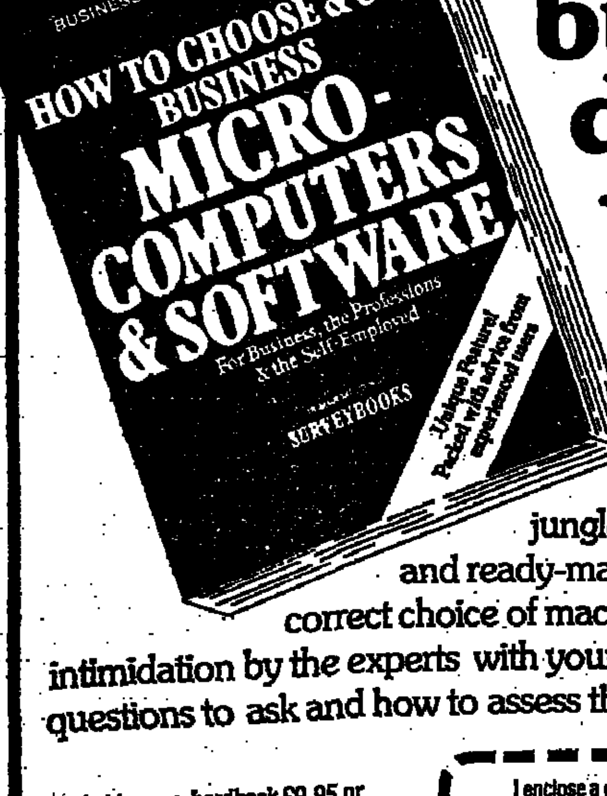

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INVESTMENT INTEREST RATES

Whilst Building Societies generally reduced interest rates on 1st December, Nottingham Building Society decided to hold rates as a bonus to Members and Personal Depositors. However, with effect from 20th December 1984 interest rates on Investment and Personal Deposit accounts were reduced by 1% per annum net. (Save-As-You-Earn bonuses and interest rates remain unchanged). Hill Samuel Life clients and B.M.A. members will receive individual notification of their new interest rates.

New Ordinary Paid-Up Share rates (including Homelink) 6.75% per annum, equivalent to a gross rate of 9.64% per annum to basic rate tax payers.

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Gold Mining Companies' Results for the year ended 30 September 1984

Name of Company	Tons Milled '000	Gold Produced kg	Net Profit Rm	Dividends cents per share
Bracken	976	3,332	8.5	58
Kinross	2,080	12,897	45.2	195
Leslie	1,166	4,361	12.9	67
Unisel	1,325	9,109	33.6	101
Winkelhaak	2,420	14,823	54.8	382

Points made in the Statements by the Chairmen Mr. J. C. Fritz, Mr. C. R. Netscher and Mr. E. Pavitt

BRACKEN
Despite the fact that the reserves have been calculated at a substantially higher gold price than in 1983 the total reserves declined by 0.5 million tons. Indications are that it is unlikely that any significant increases will materialise in the future.

Future development will at best maintain the reserves at this level in the short term.

KINROSS
The extensions to the metallurgical plant, which were completed during the previous year, were for a production rate of 165,000 tons per month. Certain minor improvements have enabled this rate to be increased to 175,000 tons per month, which now matches the mining rate.

It is anticipated that this production rate at present yields will be maintained for the foreseeable future.

LESLIE
There has been a steady increase in development in recent years, largely because the development has perforce moved to the western area of the mine where payability is lower. The future trend of the grade of the ore reserves should continue downwards. Thus, maintenance of profitability will be dependent on the gold price and strict control of working costs.

The mine continues to achieve good results in the field of safety and retained its five star rating in the International Mine Safety Rating Scheme.

UNISEL
Unit working costs, which exclude the milling fee paid to St. Helena Gold Mines Limited, were kept well under control and increased by only 7 per cent. This increase was 5.2 per cent below the increase in the Consumer Price Index.

The mine's hoisting capacity is now matching milling capacity and the monthly production rate is 112,000 tons. As the contribution from the Leader Reef increases, a further reduction in yield can be expected.

WINKELHAAK
In dollar terms the price of gold has weakened considerably during the year. By contrast the weakening of the rand in relation to the dollar, particularly in recent months, has placed the price of gold in rand terms at a record high. Whilst this will be beneficial to the company in the short to medium term, the effect of the weak rand on imported inflation has still to be felt.

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Sport... ON 3 PAGES

FROST & SNOW PUT MEETINGS IN JEOPARDY

By HOTSPUR

FROST and snow are combining to provide the first major threat to the jumping season. Ayr lost yesterday's meeting; today's Hereford fixture has been abandoned, and there will be 7.30 a.m. inspections at Haydock Park and Sedgefield.

Ayr and Hereford were victims of frost, which has reduced prospects of Haydock's going ahead today to no more than "fair," according to a course spokesman. There is snow on the Sedgefield track.

Haydock also have a fixture tomorrow. Prospects are better for the day's other meetings, at Sandown Park and Warwick.

With the South so far escaping the worst of the weather, Sandown's chief problem is likely to be a lack of runners, itself a consequence of the open weather having allowed extra opportunities provided by the Christmas and New Year period to be taken up.

Another element, the action of trainers, has added to problems faced by off-course punters during this period, with overnight declarations having had to be made earlier than usual and horses being allowed to stay in at more than one meeting on Dec. 26 and Jan. 1.

Non-publication of newspapers on those two days led to a change in the declaration rules by the Jockey Club, so that programmes of runners could be printed. Co-operation from trainers seems to have differed greatly on the two days.

84 absent

The one group which has benefited is the veterinary profession, since their members issued certificates to explain the absence of 43 of the 84 declared runners which did not turn out on Boxing Day. A further 21 runners took up the stated first option after being declared for two races.

Vaccination papers were incorrect in two cases; two horses did not run because of a change in the going, in accordance with Jockey Club instructions, and fixed penalties of £50 were imposed for the remaining 16 non-runners.

The 84 absentees represented 15·5 per cent. of those declared. On New Year's Day the percentage went up to 25, with 105 declared runners failing to meet their engagements. Of these, 18 had been doubly declared, and from this group six were non-runners, two of them having run on the previous day.

Official returns from the six courses which raced on New Year's Day have not yet been received by the Jockey Club, so it is not possible to say how many of the 105 non-runners could be attributed to veterinary reasons, but the fact remains that off-course punters had only a 3-1 chance of finding a runner on the day.

A Jockey Club spokesman said yesterday: "Trainers appeared to operate the system satisfactorily on Boxing Day. However, first indications are that the situation on New Year's Day was not as satisfactory and trainers would appear not to have taken advantage of the system of preferences. We are awaiting the official returns from the racecourses before considering whether any further action is necessary."

If racing goes ahead today, Mark Pitman may make a successful return to race-riding on Grundy Glow, who is on a hat-trick in Haydock's White Lodge Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle. Pitman, concussed in a car accident on Dec. 8, was passed fit to resume riding yesterday.

Peter Easterby may continue his fine recent run with a double through Just Alick in the Manitou Novices' Hurdle at Haydock and Cornering, napped for Sedgefield's Hamsterley Novices' 'Chase.

TODAY'S HAYDOCK PARK SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	COURSE CORR.	FORM
12.45—Rainbow Lady	——	12.45—The Shiner
1.15—Grundy Glow	1.15—Bleathwood	1.15—GRUNDY GLOW (nap)
1.45—Kevinsfort		1.45—Kevinsfort
2.15—Just Alick	2.15—Mark Palmer	2.15—Just Alick
2.45—Inkling	2.45—Come On Sonny	2.45—Inkling
3.15—Bold Illusion	3.15—BOLD ILLUSION (nap)	3.15—Bold Illusion

HOTSPUR'S NAP.—Cornering (Sedgefield, 2.0)
HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE.—Grundy Glow and Cornering
TONY STAFFORD.—The Shiner (12.45).

Robinson Rangers on mark

By MARLBOROUGH (John Oaksey)

DAVID ROBINSON, who received a knighthood for services to charity in the New Year Honours' List, made a unique and important contribution to British racing in the 10 years following 1968.

Mr Robinson, who made his fortune in radio and T V rental, first had his racing appetite whetted when his Our Babu won the 1955 2,000 Guineas.

He was well aware how apt rich men are to burn their fingers on the Turf, and 13 years later, with characteristic precision, he gave himself 10 years to prove or disprove his theory, that with efficient business-like organisation and accounting, racehorse ownership can be made to pay.

The results speak for themselves. For eight seasons between 1968 and 1975 Mr Robinson consistently headed the owners' list in terms of individual winners and races

Won 997 races

In five seasons he had more than 50 winners and in three he won more than 100 races. Although leading owner in terms of prize money only once, in 1969, he had by the end of his 10-year trial period won a total of 997 races.

Even more important, he had proved his theory to the hilt, making profits between 20 and 25 per cent. in every one of the 10 years.

Partly, of course, these were achieved by the sale or syndication as stallions of successful horses bought as yearlings, and in this respect Mr Robinson was a pathfinder for Robert Sangster's much larger, more cosmopolitan, operation.

Unlike Mr Sangster, much of whose best raw material came from the United States, Mr Robinson relied *totally* on the European yearling market. In *most of the 10 years about 50* yearlings, almost all colts, were chosen by "Robinson's Rangers" a team of four in which Lord Harrington and the distinguished former trainer Jack Colling were advised on

Sir David Robinson

veterinary matters by Jack Freeman and on pedigrees by Chally Chute.

After several false starts ("We drank a lot of port and Mr Robinson left by taxi at 5 a.m. saying my terms were ridiculous") Lord Harrington sold the TV millionaire the Clarehaven stables at Newmarket where Harrington's uncle Geoffrey Brooke trained Our Babu.

Much against Mr Robinson's wishes, Harrington never took a salary for his duties. They remain great friends, but Lord Harrington's reason was always the same: "I don't want to be sacked by a so-and-so like you."

After it had been explained that Mr Robinson's original order for "50 Classic horses" was scarcely practicable, the "Rangers" settled into an annual routine of buying about 50 yearlings at an average price of 10,000gns.

Since there is only one Derby and a *handful of yearlings* on the market capable of winning *it*, the "Rangers" soon concentrated on potential Guineas colts and sprint-bred "beezle-bombs" *unlikely to stay beyond* six furlongs but able to satisfy their owner's eagerness for action by running early in the season and thus taking pressure off his trainers.

In a recent interview in Pacemaker, Lord Harrington recalled the weekly or twice-weekly "board meetings" at which plans for the string would be discussed.

The walls of the office in which they met their employer were covered in pin boards, on which all the horses, all British racehorses and all relevant jockeys were divided into the three colours which made up the Robinson silks: red, blue and green.

All horses were red ("top class") until they earned demotion to blue or ultimately green, and woe betide the trainer who got his colours mixed.

It was, for example, strictly forbidden to have a red horse ridden by a green jockey or, much less understandably, a red jockey on a green horse. In the same way, red horses were not allowed to run on green or even blue courses.

It sounds an unlikely formula for success but, starting with his shrewd decision to pick Lord Harrington and Jack Colling, and faith on their sound judgment at the sales, the Robinson system produced not only the figures quoted above but also good horses like My Swallow, So Blessed, Yellow God, Green God, Tudor Music, Deep Diver and Bitty Girl.

Controlled economy

The life of a Robinson trainer was never easy. For instance, although every yearling was entered in the Classics, "just in case," all other entries were rigidly controlled on grounds of strict economy. But everyone agreed that Mr Robinson was a first-rate employer, always careful to provide good lodgings and food (at economic prices, of course) for his stable lads.

"He could be infuriating," Lord Harrington remembers. "But when he blew up in the morning it was usually forgotten by that night. In the end we were all fond of him."

The only time Harrington can remember Mr Robinson being visibly moved was when My Swallow won the Prix de la Salamandre, when a tear *materialised*.

There were also occasional flashes of humour. Once, after outbidding Lady Beaverbrook for a yearling, Mr Robinson named it Breeders Dream—"because when she and I are on opposite sides of the ring that's what it must be."

Course Notes & Hints

ILLUSION IS DAY'S BEST

By Our Course Correspondent

BOLD ILLUSION*, an easy winner on both his starts this season, is expected to make light of a 4lb penalty in today's Warrington Handicap Hurdle (3.15) at Haydock

Malcolm Eckley's gelding justified short-priced favouritism with a 10-length victory at Wolverhampton on Boxing Day

Bleathwood made late headway when fifth to Misty Dale (a winner since) at Nottingham last month. Ken White's nine-year-old is fancied to foil the hat-trick attempt of Grundy Glow in the White Lodge Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle (1.15).

White may complete a double with Come On Sonny in the Island Novices' 'Chase (2.45), and the improving Mark Palmer may represent better value than Just Alick, the likely odds-on favourite for the Manitou Novices' Hurdle Qualier (2.15).

Haydock runners

● INSPECTION 7.30 a.m.

Advance official going: GOOD TO SOFT

12.45: BOLTON SELLING HURDLE Penalty Value £896 2m (15 declared)

1 040-011 CHUMMY'S BOY (BL) (D) (A. Williams), D. Burchell, 5 11-10 Mr M. Richards (7)
2 22-3523 NO FLUKE (D) (F. Yardley), F. Yardley, 5 11-10 ...... N. Tinkler
3 010- RED RIPPLE (D) (A. Spruce), R. Jeffrey, 5 11-10 J. Brough (7)
4 0-PP BOUNTEOUS SPIRIT (B. Bewick), J. Townson, 5 11-6 I. D. Doyle (4)
5 0P- HUNGARIAN PRINCE (BL) (H. White), W. Clay, 5 11-6 S. J. O'Neill
8 0324-40 THE SHINER (BL) (Brig. C. Harvey), D. Nicholson, 5 11-6 P. Scudamore
13 01 BUCKMINSTER BOY (D) (W. Wharton), W. Wharton, 4 10-12 M. Brennan
14 0 BETABLEND (Mrs J. Wilson), Capt. J. Wilson, 4 10-8 Mrs G. Rees
15 00 BURGUNDY STAR (Mrs J. Leighton), A. Leighton, 4 10-8 C. Smith
16 0P00 MOHAR (BL) (Full Circle Ltd), N. Tinkler, 4 10-9 P. A. Charlton
18 0F APHRODISIAC (R. Morris), R. Morris, 4 10-5 ...... W. Morris
19 0 GLANSEVERN (I. Anderson), Mrs J. Evans, 4 10-3 M. Brisbourne
21 0F0 ICACOS BAY (C. Brown), E. Alston, 4 10-3 ...... K. Doolan (4)
23 0 NOON TIME (W. Whiston), W. Whiston, 4 10-3 ... S. Morshead
25 01 RAINBOW LADY (D. Davis), M. Pipe, 4 10-7 ...... P. Leach

S.P. FORECAST: 2 Rainbow Lady, 11-4 Chummy's Boy, 9-2 Buckminster Boy, 6 The Shiner, 10 No Fluke, 16 Mohar, 25 others.

FORM GUIDE.—Buckminster Boy beat Orbital Manoeuvres (rec 5lb) by 8l at Market Rasen (2m) Dec. 26 (soft going). Chummy's Boy beat Keep Sannterton (rec 16lb) by 4l at Stratford (2m) Dec. 29 (good to soft). No Fluke was beaten 3½l when 3rd to Rcbaud (rec 14lb) at Worcester (2½m) Dec. 19 (heavy). Rainbow Lady beat Esker House (gave 5lb) by 12l at Devon (2m 1f) Jan. 1 (heavy). The Shiner was 8th of 25 to Church Warden (gave 9lb) at Cheltenham (2m 1f) Nov. 9 (soft).

THE SHINER has easier task. Rainbow Lady next best.

1.15: WHITE LODGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE £1,280 2½m (8)

2 000-112 RANDOMLY (C) (D) (BF) (M. Thompson), D. Morrill, 6 11-12 (9lb ex) ...... J. Duggan
4 00F000 BLEATHWOOD (C) (R. Jennaway), K. White, 9 11-7 P. Finch (7)
5 0U2011 GRUNDY GLOW (D) (A. Kaplan), Mrs J. Pitman, 5 11-7 (9lb ex) M. Pitman (7)
6 0C-0000 MARIBAN (J. Lewis), R. Holder, 6 11-2 ...... A. Dicks (7)
7 P-20502 A T S PRINCE (Qualitair Eng. Ltd), K. Stone, 6 11-2 P. A. Farrell
9 FPP0-00 BARTON CROSS (A. Watson), A. Watson, 11 10-4 G. Wilson (7)
11 154 FRENCH NEPHEW (G. Shennib), Denys Smith, 4 10-0 D. Leadbitter (5)
12 00-1430 ROYAL REPRIEVE (Mrs G. Manning), B. Morgan, 7 10-0 G. Williams (7)

S.P. FORECAST: 7-4 Grundy Glow, 4 Randomly, 5 Bleathwood, 6 French Nephew, 7 A T S Prince, Royal Reprieve, 16 others.

FORM GUIDE.—Grundy Glow beat Randomly (gave 2lb) by 12l at Wolverhampton (2½m) Dec. 27 (soft). Previously, Randomly beat A T S Prince (rec 4lb) by 20l at Market Rasen (2½m) Dec. 26 (soft). French Nephew was beaten 21½l when 4th of 15 to Little Miss Horner (rec 12lb) at Perth (2m) Sept. 26 (good). Royal Reprieve was 10th of 18 to Steamy (gave 2lb) at Warwick (3m) Nov. 17 (good). Bleathwood was beaten about 5l when 5th of 14 to Misty Dale (gave 17lb) at Nottingham (2½m) Dec. 22 (good to soft). Royal Reprieve was 10th of 18 to Steamy (gave 2lb) at Warwick (2m) Nov. 17 (good).

GRUNDY GLOW may complete hat-trick. Bleathwood pick of others.

1.45: GAMEKEEPERS HANDICAP 'CHASE £2,259 2m (3)

4 4-C2121 KING'S JUG (D) (D. Timothy Ltd), Mrs M. Rimell, 7 11-7 S. Morshead
5 1-U2121 KEVINSFORT (C) (D) (Mrs R. Hagole), J. FitzGerald, 7 11-0 (6lb ex) ...... M. Dwyer
6 5-24543 FURY BOY (Capt. J. Macdonald-Buchanan), D. Nicholson, 12 10-6 P. Scudamore

S.P. FORECAST: 4-5 King's Jug, 6-4 Kevinsfort, 7 Fury Boy.

FORM GUIDE.—King's Jug beat Pomposity (rec 24lb) by 1½l at Wolverhampton (2m) Dec. 27 (soft). Kevinsfort beat Percipient (gave 2lb) by 8l at Market Rasen (2m) Dec. 26 (soft). Fury Boy was beaten 7½l when 3rd of 4 to Jo Colombo (gave 16lb) over today's course and distance Dec. 12 (good).

KEVINSFORT is preferred to King's Jug.

2.15: MANITOU NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier) £1,660 2½m (6)

1 4-11141 JUST ALICK (S. Childs), M. H. Easterby, 6 12-0 ... A. Brown
3 0 AISLING GEAL (E. Kirtland), D. Gandolfo, 5 11-6 R. Earnshaw
12 0000 MARK PALMER (Lord Vestey), D. Nicholson, 5 11-6 P. Scudamore
16 0/11440 SLIEVE LUACHRA (D) (Mrs H. Duffey), K. Bailey, 7 11-6 M. Perrett
18 00 SPARKLING JENNY (P. Barrett), R. Hollinshead, 5 11-1 J. O'Neill
19 4 HIERONYMOUS (W. Gredley), M. Pipe, 4 10-7 ...... P. Leach

S.P. FORECAST: 8-13 Just Alick, 7-2 Slieve Luachra, 11-2 Hieronymous, 12 Sparkling Jenny, 20 Mark Palmer, 33 Aisling Geal.

FORM GUIDE.—Just Alick beat Preacher's Gem (rec 15lb) by 1½l at Leicester (2m) Dec. 17 (soft). Hieronymous was beaten 30l when 4th of 25 to Woodway (level) at Warwick (2m) Dec. 14 (heavy). Aisling Geal was 12th of 18 to Hunter River (rec 4lb) at Towcester (2m) Dec. 15 (good to soft). Mark Palmer was beaten 9l when 6th of 20 to Ruths Magic (rec 5lb) at Worcester (2m) Dec. 19 (heavy). Slieve Luachra was 10th of 17 to Mendsleak (rec 22lb) at Hereford (3m 1f) Dec. 20 (soft). Sparkling Jenny was 10th of 14 to Lonach (gave 10lb) at Cheltenham (2½m) Dec. 7 (good to soft).

JUST ALICK best on form. Slieve Luachra main threat.

2.45: ISLAND NOVICES' 'CHASE £1,566 3m (7)

1 02211F BIG BROWN BEAR (CD) (G. Barlow), G. Barlow, 8 12-0 G. Bradley
3 10(81F0 INKLING (Mrs E. Wilmot), H. Wharton, 8 11-9 ...... P. Tuck
7 0/423-33 BALLYWELL (M. Clarke), F. Yardley, 10 11-4 ...... C. Smith
11 2-0 CHEARFUL BOY (J. Owen), Mrs W. Sykes, 10 11-4 S. Morshead
12 030F43 COME ON SONNY (R. Forster), K. White, 6 11-4 P. Finch (7)
13 413243 SUPREME BID (Ld Cadogan), N. Crump, 8 11-4 R. Balfour (7)
14 0FPD-0P BLUE SPECKLE (C. Cottrell), K. White, 7 10-13 M. Brisbourne

S.P. FORECAST: 11-8 Inkling, 5-2 Big Brown Bear, 9-2 Supreme Bid, 6 Come On Sonny, 12 Ballywell, 25 others.

FORM GUIDE.—Inkling was beaten sh hd & 5l when 3rd of 4 finishers to Jimbrook (gave 2lb) at Wetherby (3m 100y) Dec 26—Big Brown Bear (gave 3lb), close 4th when fell last (good to soft). Previously, Big Brown Bear beat King's Brig (rec 8lb) by 15l at Wolverhampton (3m) Nov 26 (good). Come On Sonny was beaten 2½l when 3rd to Ben Lair (gave 14lb) at Worcester (3m) Dec 19 (heavy). Supreme Bid was beaten 5½l when 3rd to The Divider (gave 7lb) at Carlisle (3½m) Dec 20 (soft).

INKLING may beat Big Brown Bear.

3.15: WARRINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE £1,314 2m (9)

1 13-3400 RIVERS EDGE (D. Knights), Denys Smith, 7 11-10 J. Murphy
3 34002-0 CORPORAL CLINGER (CD) (Jay Dee Racing Ltd), M. Pipe, 6 11-6 ...... P. Leach
5 0/132-50 ROBOLIN (D) (Mrs R. Kennedy), R. Hollinshead, 10 11-0 J. O'Neill
6 401001 COMEDY FAIR (CD) (Mrs M. Nowell), M. H. Easterby, 5 11-2 (4lb ex) ...... A. Brown
7 0-00140 ENSIGNS KIT (D) (A. Brisbourne), A. Brisbourne, 10 10-12 M. Brisbourne
8 102-400 FJORDING (D) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds Ltd), N. Tinkler, 7 10-7 ...... N. Tinkler
9 041-00 REGAL EXPRESS (D) (Nucrete Concrete Pudsey Ltd), H. Wharton, 5 10-3 ...... P. Tuck
10 130123- MAGIC MINK (Mrs E. Marks), R. Holder, 5 10-3 P. Richards
11 0/14F-11 BOLD ILLUSION (CD) (H. Thursfield), M. Eckley, 7 10-3 (4lb ex) ...... W. Morris

S.P. FORECAST: 7-4 Bold Illusion, 5 Comedy Fair, 5 Corporal Clinger, 7 Magic Mink, 10 Rivers Edge, 14 Robolin, 16 others.

FORM GUIDE.—Bold Illusion beat Haven Air (gave 19lb) by 10l at Wolverhampton (2m) Dec 26 with Robolin (gave 12lb), 25l away 6th & Ensigns Kit (gave 13lb), 8th of 11 (good to soft). Comedy Fair beat High Old Time (rec 2lb) by 7l at Catterick (2m) Dec 31 (good to soft). Corporal Clinger was beaten 9l when 5th to Triple Jump (rec 4lb) over today's course (2½m) Dec 12 with Comedy Fair (rec 5lb), 5l away 6th of 14 (good).

BOLD ILLUSION can defy penalty. Corporal Clinger next best.

Sedgefield card and jockeys

HOTSPUR	FORM
12.30—Amadis	12.30—Amadis
1. 0—Jetharts Here	1. 0—Chetel
1.30—Even Melody	1.30—Dr Guillotine
2. 0—CORNERING (nap)	2. 0—Numerate
2.30—Stone Jug	2.30—Stone Jug
3. 0—Humyak House	3. 0—Charlotte's Dunce

Advance official going: SOFT
● INSPECTION 7.30 A.M.

12.30: HASWELL NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. I) Penalty Value £548 2½m (14 declared)

1 42 Amadis (BF), T. Barron, 5 11-9 Mr G. Harker (7)
5 438 Clannad, R. Fisher, 6 11-9 ...... M. Meagher (4)
7 /0-P Edged Gold, P. Wigham, 8 11-9 ... M. Hindley (4)
8 0 Elucidate (BF), Ronald Thompson, 6 11-9 Jayne Thompson (7)
9 000 Harbour Music, D. Lamb, 5 11-9 ...... Angela Cross
10 Karablake, Denys Smith, 5 11-9 .... C. Grant
12 003 Colonial Charm, C. Spares, 5 11-4 J. McLaughlin
13 03- Corals Secret, C. Parker, 5 11-4 ...... J. O'Neill
14 004 Cottage Leas, M. Ellerby, 6 11-4 Mr R. Morley
15 F Pamathyst, A. Eubank, 7 11-4 ... Mr A. Eubank
16 Favourite Nephew, I. Vickers, 4 10-10 S. Keightley
17 Tromeros, Denys Smith, 4 10-10 ... T. G. Davies
19 00 Joca, J. Parkes, 4 10-5 .... R. Balfour (7)
20 3 Jumbellina, Miss S. Hall, 4 10-5 ... K. Teelan (4)

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Amadis, 7-2 Karablake, 9-2 Colonial Charm, 6 Clannad, 8 Jumbellina, 10 Cottage Leas.

1.0: SPENNYMOOR HANDICAP 'CHASE £1,002 3m 600y (6)

1 F3F Powder Horn (CD), Mrs J. O. Barr, 8 11-10 Mr N. Tutty (7)
2 32F Jetharts Here (CD), G. Renilson, 11 11-6 C. Pimlott
3 121 Chetel, R. Brewis, 11 11-3 .... A. Stringer
4 04P Immigrate (CD), G. Richards, 12 11-3 N. Doughty
5 043 Caldwell Case (BL), R. Swiers, 10 10-0 J. O'Neill
6 324- French Art, N. Bycroft, 13 10-0 ... G. P. Kelly

S.P. FORECAST: 6-4 Chetel, 3 Jetharts Here, 9-2 Immigrate, 6 Powder Horn, 10 Caldwell Case, 12 French Art.

1.30: SHOTTON HANDICAP 'CHASE £1,084 2m (5)

2 002 Even Melody (CD) N. Crump, 16 11-7 D. Wilkinson
3 F34 Rejuvenator (C) (D), G. Richards, 9 11-4 D. Coakley (4)
Starlight Lad, R. Bethell, 11 10-13 ... C. Grant
Tom Sawyer (D), A. Watson, 11 10-10 A. Stringer
102 Dr Guillotine (CD W. Fairgrieve, 10 10-6 M. Barnes

S.P. FORECAST: 13-8 Even Melody, 5-2 Dr Guillotine, 7-2 Rejuvenator, 8 Starlight Lad, 12 Tom Sawyer.

2.0: HAMSTERLEY NOVICES' 'CHASE £775 2½m (12)

1 211 Numerate (CD), R. Fisher, 6 12-4 M. Meagher (4)
3 412 Cornering, M. H. Easterby, 9 11-11 ... J. O'Neill
4 30F Wensleydale (BL), J. Parkes, 7 11-11 R. Balfour (7)
5 422 Barrister Boy, M. Lambert, 7 11-4 P. A. Charlton
7 044 Drummony, L. Griffiths, 11 11-4 ... S. Keightley
9 2-P0 Go On Joe (C), J. Richardson, 11 11-4 D. Oldham
10 023- Great Tarquin, A. Corner, 8 11-4 ...... K. Jones
14 322 On Leave (BF), A. Scott, 8 11-4 ...... C. Grant
16 P0/P Roger Ben (BL), D. Yeoman, 7 11-4 ...... —
18 00P Super Tony, F. Welton, 8 11-4 ... Mr J. Walton
19 000 The Ridings, R. Tate, 6 11-4 .... —
20 340 Lady Lawyer, J. Brockbank, 7 10-13 T. G. Dun

S.P. FORECAST: 5-4 Numerate, 3 Cornering, 6 On Leave, 10 Barrister Boy, Wensleydale, 12 Great Tarquin, 16 others.

2.30: HASWELL NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. II) £548 2½m (11)

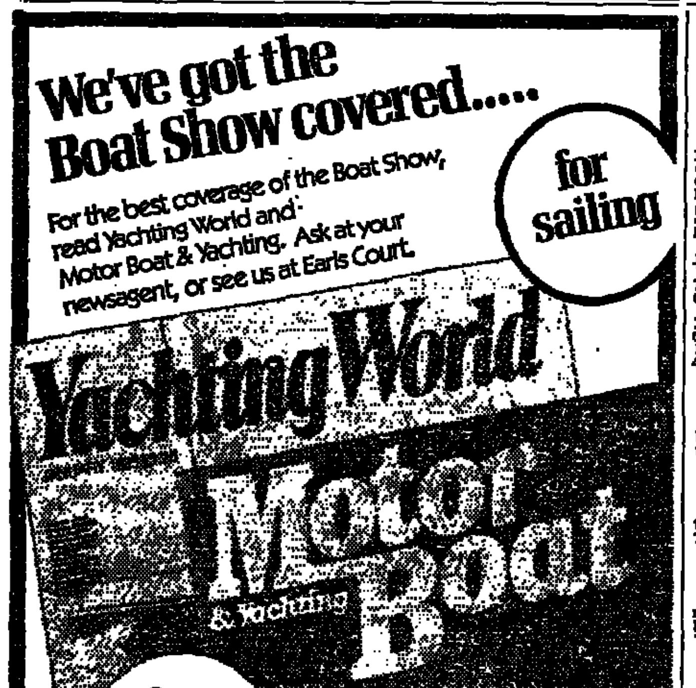
2 P Highway Gold, J. Alder, 8 11-9 Mrs V. Jackson (4)
5 034 Lucky Fen, K. Stone, 5 11-9 .... A. Brown
6 0 Maunby Prince (BF), T. Barron, 6 11-9 Mr G. Harker (7)
8 P Royal Tattoo, Mrs J. O. Barr, 5 11-9 Mr N. Tutty (7)
11 005 Stone Jug, Miss S. Hall, 5 11-9 ... K. Teelan (4)
13 303- Telegraph Bush, G. Renilson, 8 11-9 C. Pimlott
15 000 Travel Home (BL) M. Ellerby, 5 11-9 Mr R. Morley
19 324 Maggies Girl, Denys Smith, 6 11-4 ... C. Grant
20 000/ Patchit, D. W. Chapman, 6 11-4 ... G. P. Kelly
22 000 Metcalfe Fleet, M. W. Easterby, 4 10-10 D. Dutton
25 B0 Pooma Express, J. Parkes, 4 10-10 Lynn Whiffen (7)

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Maunby Prince, 100-30 Stone Jug, 9-2 Lucky Fen, 6 Metcalfe Fleet, 8 Telegraph Bush, 12 Maggies Girl, 20 others.

3.0: WITTON HANDICAP HURDLE £946 2½m (7)

1 0-00 Lewis Homes, Mrs S. Webster, 11 11-10 W. Beardwood
2 000 Cut'n Dry, J. Mason, 5 11-5 .... S. McNeill
3 331 Charlotte's Dunce, M. H. Easterby, 5 11-4 (5lb ex) J. O'Neill
4 112 Kindred (CD) (BF), Ronald Thompson, 9 10-13 Jayne Thompson (7)
5 F02 Humyak House, R. Fisher, 5 10-6 M. Meagher (4)
6 /P-0 General Wood, J. Townson, 9 10-4 ... D. Dutton
7 1 Chatty Chez (CD), Denys Smith, 4 10-0 C. Grant

S.P. FORECAST: 7-4 Charlotte's Dunce, 11-4 Humyak House, 4 Kindred, 9-2 Chatty Chez, 10 Cut'n Dry, 12 others.



TODAY'S COURSE SPECIALISTS

HAYDOCK PARK

Course Winners.—1.15 (2½m hdle): Randomly (2½m hdle), Bleathwood (2½m hdle). 1.45 (2m 'ch): Kevinsfoot (2½m 'ch). 2.45 (3m 'ch): Big Brown Bear (3m 'ch). 3.15 (2m hdle): Corporal Clinger (2m hdle), Comedy Fair (2m hdle twice), Bold Illusion (2m hdle).

Jockeys (since August, 1979). — J. O'Neill 24, Morshead 14, Earnshaw 12, Scudamore 9, Grant 7, Hawkins 7, Mr Easterby 6, Mr Wilson 5, P. A. Charlton 5, S. Smith Eccles 4.

Trainers.—M. H. Easterby 20, Nicholson 9, Fitzgerald 7, Fisher 6, Crump 5, Richards 5, Stephenson 5, Denys Smith 4, Tate 4, Mrs Dickinson 4, Winter 4.

HOTSPUR'S "TWELVE"

None of the horses listed in Hotspur's Twelve to Follow is engaged today.

WHISTLER'S NAP

Barrister Boy (2.0 Sedgefield) is today's revised nap for Whistler of THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH.

STATE OF GOING

Advance official going for tomorrow's meetings: Haydock Park, Sandown Park, "good to soft"; Warwick "soft".

NORTHERN CORRESPONDENT

HAYDOCK PARK.—12.45, Chummy's Boy; 1.15, Grundy Glow; 1.45, Kevinsfort; 2.15, Just Alick; 2.45, Inkling (nap); 3.15, Bold Illusion.
SEDGEFIELD.—12.30, Amadis; 1.0, Powder Horn; 1.30, Even Melody; 2.0, On Leave; 2.30, Stone Jug; 3.0, Kindred.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS

All engagements (dead): Scottische, Cruising Along, Broallied, Rheinlicken, Dolly Cole, Steel Flight, Vulgan's Gift, Ballymenoch, No Butts, Kleber, Nomadic.

Yachting

Union press for fully-crewed dates

By TONY FAIRCHILD

INTERNATIONAL yachtsmen involved in the "professional circus" have come out against the introduction of any further long-distance single-handed or two-handed races, it was revealed in London yesterday.

Peter Phillips, British member of the "Drivers' Union"—the Association of Multihull Ocean-racing competitors—said all new events, including a Monaco-New York race, would be for fully-crewed yachtsmen.

The plan is for two single-handed events—the Plymouth to Newport, Rhode Island, race run by the Royal Western, and the French Route du Rhum race to Guadalope.

Two-handed races will be similarly confined to the existing Round Britain and Plymouth to Newport races organised by the Royal Western, and the French Transat en Double, non-stop from La Rochelle to Bermuda and back. There is to be one other two-handed race, replacing the La Rochelle to New Orleans, and staged every four years.

It is further planned that the fully-crewed races will be of two categories.

Halt at Torquay

Longer events, starting and finishing from the same point, will comprise one category, while the second will be for events with several stops—like the new, multi-stage Round Europe race, from Kiel to Sardinia with a halt at Torquay.

There will be a world championship, based on existing, short-courses series, such as those run in La Trinite and Deauville in France.

The Monaco to New York race, with "big cash prizes," is planned to start on Oct. 15 this year.

COWES SPONSORS

Cowes Week this year is to be sponsored by the Horsham-based Sandhurst Group, leading suppliers of stationery and office equipment, it was announced in London yesterday.

Lingfield Park Racing

MOORES HIT PEAK FORM AT DOUBLE

THE Moore family, from Brighton, made a great start to the New Year at Lingfield Park yesterday. Trainer Charlie won with Implication, ridden by his daughter Candy, and son Gary partnered Saunders to an easy success.

Candy, 19, ended a three month losing run for her father when, after taking command at the final flight, she rode out Implication to an eight-length victory over Caddagat in the Horley Novices' Hurdle (Div I).

"That's my first winner since Hereford in early October," said Charlie, who was immediately summoned by the stewards to explain why the horse was pulled up at Newbury on New Year's Eve.

"I told them that Peter Corrigan, who rode Implication that day, reported my horse was gurgling at the interception. I fitted Implication with a tongue strap this time and my explanation was accepted."

Saunders triumphs

Gary, 29, won more easily on Saunders, who was 12 lengths clear of Drops O'Brandy at the finish of the Weald Handicap 'Chase. The gelding was providing trainer Tony Clay with his third winner of the season.

Saunders has problems with his feet and Clay said: "He just hacks around at home in between races but is perfectly all right with plenty of give in the ground." Saunders is likely to return at the next two Lingfield meetings.

Actor Oliver Reed, who recently starred in the film "Christopher Columbus" about one of the world's greatest navigators, ironically lost his way to the course and failed to see Leith Hill Flyer, in whom he has a half share, win the Sevenoaks Novices' 'Chase.

Leith Hill Flyer, who returned after two years to win at Fakenham before Christmas, had 12 lengths to spare over Golden Brigadier and will attempt his hat-trick at Southwell next week.

John Francome, who rode Leith Hill Flyer, completed a double on Fred Winter's previously unraced Larry-O in the Horley Novices' Hurdle (Div II). Larry-O beat the odds-on Taylorstown, whom Francome had ridden in his previous two races, by two lengths.

LINGFIELD PARK 1-2-3

Going: SOFT

1.0: SEVENOAKS NOV 'CH Penalty Value £1,701 2m

LEITH HILL FLYER, b g Averof—Berlow Fold (D. Powles-Hunt), 3 11-5 J. Francome ... 9-4F 1
GOLDEN BRIGADIER, b g Brigadier Gerard—Golden Fez (L. Turland), 7 11-3, P. Murphy ... 8-1 2
GRIMA, b or g Rheingold—Ravie (M. Pridham), 8 11-5 M. Richards ... 5-1 3

Also: 9-4JF Belgrove Lad (f.), 5 Deep Cross (p.u.), 20 Hennessy House (p.u.), 25 Gymer (p.u.), 33 Panda Man (4th), 50 Krakus (5th), Square-Rigged (p.u.), Mountcout. 11 ran. 12l, 5l, 30l. (P. Mitchell, Epsom.) Tote: Win, £3·80: places, £1·30, £3·00, £1·60: Dual F'cast, £17·10. SPSF: £20.43. NR: Cecconi.

1.30: HORLEY NOV HDLE (Div I) £548 2m

IMPLICATION b h Tentam — Caught In The Act (F. Crouch) 6 10-10 Miss C. Moore ... 9-2 1
CADDAGAT b g Be My Guest — Merry Mate (Miss M. Butcher) 5 10-10 Miss P. Ffitch-Heyes ... 8-1 2
JIMMY BOY br g Workboy — La Vickstan (P. Houlihan) 6 11-3 R. Goldstein ... 9-1 3

Also: 15-8F Beau Fils (6th), 7-2 Beech Copse (5th), 12 Yazeed (4th), 14 Breeze Hill, 50 Ebony Risk, Prince Lafite (p.u.), Crusty Pie (f), Neptune's Star (f), Western Kelly, Music My Son. 13 ran. 8l, ¾l, 20l, 15l, 4l. (A. Moore, Brighton.) Tote: Win, £4·60: places, £1·60, £3·10, £1·30. Dual F'cast, £16·40. SPSF: £36·83. N.R.: Foxhaven.

2.0: OLD MILL S H'CAP 'CH £855 2½m

RIVER WARRIOR, b g Forlorn River—Wounded Knee (J. Bradley) 7 10-7 B. Powell ... 9-4F 1
CITY MARATHON, b g Captain—Beth's Bermudas (O. Orgles) 7 9-11 Miss P. Ffitch-Heyes ... 7-2 2
POMPOUS PRINCE, b g Autre Prince—Pompous Beauty (M. Bryant) 12 10-11 P. Corrigan ... 4-1 3

Also: 10 Alumnus, Caribiue (f), 12 Lucky Gem (4th), 14 Money Mad (6th), 20 Ernie's Keep, Shane Hill (p.u.), 25 Better Red (p.u.), Poor Son, 33 Turenne's Last (p.u.), Royal Riches (5th). 13 ran. 15l, 12l, 2½l, 5l, 20l. (J. Bradley, Chepstow.) Tote Win, £2·90: places, £1·20, £1·90, £1·70: Dual F'cast: £4·20. SPSF: £10·98. Tricast: £28·74.
No bid for the winner.

2.30: WEALD H'CAP 'CH £3,054

SAUNDERS, gr g Ebornoezer—Gralleen (T. Clay) 11 10-1 G. Moore ... 10-11F 1
DROPS O'BRANDY, b g Hot Brandy—Ravishing (Mrs C. Fairbairn) 10 10-10 P. Barton ... 11-2 2
LAURENCE RAMBLER, ch g Laurence O—Castle Rambler (S. Tindall 11 10-5 M. Perrett ... 14-1 3

Also: 3 Herr Capitan, 5 Doublenagain (4th), 100 Dan Dare (p.u.). 6 ran. 12l, 8l, 7l, ½l. (T. Clay, Arundel.) Tote: Win, £1·80: places, £1·10, £2·10: Dual F'cast: £2·60. SPSF: £6·53.

3.0: HORLEY NOV HDLE (Div. II) £548 2m

LARRY-O, ch g Laurence O — Penthouse Pet (D. Andrews), 5 11-3 J. Francome ... 7-2 1
TAYLORSTOWN, b h Ballymore—Lovettsville (G. Dunne), 5 10-10 H. Jenkins ... 4-6F 2
CUMREW, b g Gunner B—Almadena (G. Smart), 5 11-3 J. White ... 11-1 3

Also: 8 Quelle Farce (4th), 9 Aquarius Spirit (5th), 12 Sylvan Barnum, 33 Eighth Wonder, Indian Country, Moore Sampson (p.u.), Royal Box (6th). 10 ran. 2l, 3l, 2l, 5l, 1l. (F. Winter, Lambourn.) Tote: Win, £5·80: places, £1·10, £1·10, £2·60: Dual F'cast: £2·90. SPSF: £6·69.

3.30: SOUTHERN COUNTIES H'CAP HDLE £2,106 2m

BOB TISDALL, ch g Deep Run—Amphibian (K. Al-Said) 6 11-10 P. Barton ... 15-8F 1
THE IRISH RHENE b g Ragapan—At the King's Side (D. Wilson) 7 9-10 R. Arnott ... 5-2 2
BARRERA LAD ch g Barrera—Misty Joy (T. McGee) 3 9-7 P. Holley ... 7-2 3

Also: 9-2 Marine (5th), 14 City Link Express, 25 Windbreaker, 50 Collision (4th), Broken Flight (6th), Higa Judge. 9 ran. 7l, 3½l, 4l, 8l, 15l. (T. Edwards, Ross-on-Wye.) Tote: Win, £2·70: places, £1·10, £1·10, £1·60: Dual F'cast: £5·00: SPSF: £7·05.

TOTE DOUBLE: River Warrior & Larry-O, £9·30. TREBLE: Implication, Saunders & Bob Tisdall, £10·00. PLACEPOT: £1·75. JACKPOT: £714·35.

AYR.—Abandoned—frost.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

SEDGEFIELD

Course winners.—1.0 (3m 600y 'ch): Powder Horn (3m 600y 'ch three times), Jetharts Here (3m 600y 'ch), Immigrate (3m 600y 'ch twice). 1.30 (2m 'ch): Even Melody (2m 'ch), Rejuvenator (2½m 'ch; 2½m hdle three times), Dr Guillotine (2m 'ch). 2.0 (2½m 'ch): Numerate (2½m 'ch twice; 2½m hdle twice; 3m hdle), Go On Joe (2m hdle; 2½m hdle). 3.0 (2½m hdle): Kindred (2½m hdle three times). Chatty Chez (2½m hdle).

Jockeys (since August 1979).—Lamb 36, C. Grant 30, J. O'Neill 25, Pimlott 17, P. A. Charlton 13, Tuck 13.

Trainers.—W. A. Stephenson 45, Denys Smith 25, Fisher 21, M. H. Easterby 20, G. Richards 14.

Motor-Cycling

BRITAIN LOOK TO McELNEA

By GEORGE TURNBULL

BRITAIN'S hopes of regaining the individual road racing world title now appear to rest with Rob McElnea, the Heron-Suzuki rider.

After a long and hard apprenticeship, McElnea, 25, from Scutterthorpe, Lincolnshire, has emerged as the likely successor to Barry Sheene, the country's most successful rider.

It was Sheene who last brought the 500cc world title home in 1976 and 1977 but since then it has been won twice by Italians and five times by Americans. With only four Grand Prix rides last season, McElnea finished 11th in the Championships but this year he will devote all his time to the title chase.

No-one is expecting him to take the crown in his first full season on the G P circuit, but he could be up with Ron Haslam and Sheene, who finished fifth and sixth last year.

Concentrating on a Grand Prix career means that McElnea will miss the Isle of Man T T races in June. He has won the classic T T for the past two years at record speed and developed many of his skills on the mountain course.

Motor Racing

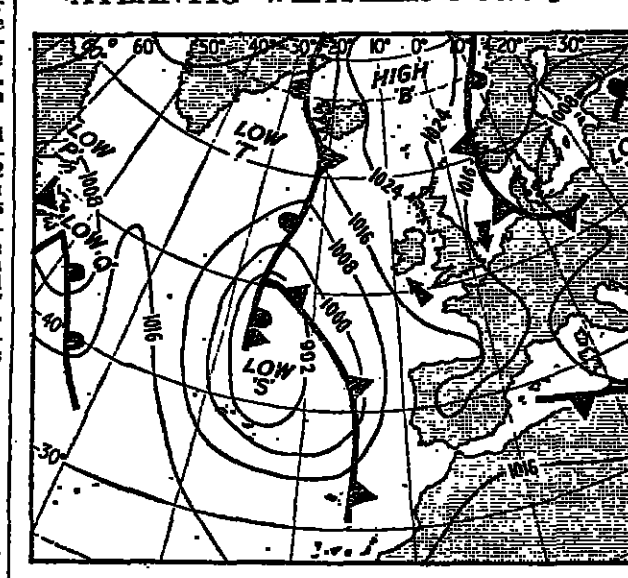
PALMER FOR ZAKSPEED

Zakspeed, Germany's new Grand Prix team, have signed Jonathan Palmer, the rising British driver, for the 1985 season.

Last year Palmer drove for British Ram in his first year of Formula 1, but struggled with an uncompetitive car. However, he was one of the stars of sports car racing and won the Brands Hatch 1,000 kilometres for Canon Porsche.

Palmer, 28, from Sulhamstead Hill, Berkshire, will drive Zakspeed's new car designed by Paul Brown, another Briton.

ATLANTIC WEATHER—Noon Jan. 3



Low "S" will move east and start to fill. Lows "P" and "Q" will combine and deepen as they move east. Low "T" will fill. Low "N" will remain slow-moving, with little change in central pressure. High "B" will drift slowly south.

HOME AND ABROAD

Akrotiri	c	63	17	Lima	s	75	25
Algiers	c	57	14	Lisbon	fg	45	6
Amstrdm	f	34	1	Locarno	c	37	3
Ascension	c	81	27	London	c	37	3
Athens	c	57	14	*L. Angels	s	61	16
Bahrain	c	75	24	Luxmbrg	sn	25	-4
*Barbados	f	81	27	Madrid	s	45	6
Barcelona	s	46	8	Majorca	s	52	11
Beirut	f	59	15	Malaga	s	61	16
Belfast	s	30	-1	Malta	r	52	11
Belgrade	sn	23	-5	Manchstr	s	37	3
Berlin	c	21	-6	Melbourn	c	68	20
*Bermuda	s	72	22	*Mexico C.	f	66	19
Biarritz	s	41	5	Miami	f	79	26
Brmnghm	c	37	3	Milan	fg	27	-3
Blackpool	s	37	3	Montreal	f	14	-10
Bordeaux	s	39	4	Moscow	sn	18	-8
*Boston	r	39	4	Munich	sn	19	-7
Boulogne	sn	37	3	Nairobi	s	77	25
Bristol	s	37	3	Naples	s	43	6
Brussels	c	32	0	Newcastle	f	37	3
Budapest	s	23	-5	N. Delhi	f	55	13
*B. Aires	th	77	25	New York	c	32	0
Cairo	s	61	16	Nice	c	43	6
Cape Tn	c	73	23	Oporto	f	48	9
Cardiff	s	39	4	Oslo	s	19	-7
Casablnca	s	39	4	Paris	c	34	1
Cologne	sn	30	-1	Peking	s	36	2
Copenhgn	f	23	-5	Perth	s	90	32
*Chicago	s	9	-13	P. Stanley	s	61	16
Corfu	f	46	3	Prague	f	21	-6
*Denver	s	27	-3	Reykjavk	r	45	7
Dublin	s	37	3	Rhodes	f	57	14
Dubrovnik	c	37	3	*R. de Jan	c	79	26
Edinbrgh	c	37	3	Riyadh	f	77	25
Faro	f	55	13	Rome	f	45	7
Florence	s	41	5	Salzburg	c	23	-5
Frankfurt	c	28	-2	*S. Frisco	s	45	7
Funchal	c	61	16	*Santiago	s	86	30
Geneva	f	27	-3	Singapore	f	86	30
Gibraltar	s	63	17	Strasbrg	sn	27	-3
Glasgow	f	39	4	Stockhlm	f	16	-9
Guernsey	f	41	5	Sydney	s	79	26
Helsinki	s	5	-15	Tangier	f	59	15
H. Kong	s	72	22	Tel Aviv	s	61	16
Innsbrck	sn	23	-5	Toronto	c	25	-4
Inverness	r	34	1	Tokyo	s	41	5
I.o.M.	s	39	4	Tunis	c	43	6
Istanbul	f	48	9	Valencia	s	52	11
Jeddah	f	77	25	*Vancuver	s	23	-5
Jersey	c	41	5	Venice	s	34	1
Johnsbrg	s	86	30	Vienna	sn	23	-5
Karachi	s	68	20	Warsaw	s	23	-5
Larnaca	f	64	18	Wellingtn	c	68	20
L. Palmas	f	63	20	Zurich	s	23	-5

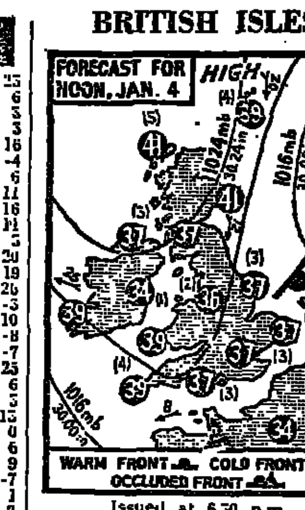
Key: C—cloudy; f—fair; r—rain; s—sunny; sn—snow; dr—drizzle; th—thunder; fg—fog. Temperatures (F & C) lunchtime generally. Asterisk indicates previous day's readings.

BRITISH RESORTS

Reports for the 24 hours to 6 p.m. yesterday:

	Sun hrs.	Rain ins.	Max. Temps. F	C	Weather (day)
East					
Scarboro'	—	0.21	41	5	Cloudy
Bridlington	0.9	0.20	41	5	Cloudy
Cromer	3.6	0.03	41	5	Bright
Lowestoft	2.1	0.08	39	4	Sn. pm
C'acton	2.1	—	37	3	Brgt pm
Margate	—	0.01	39	4	Sleet pm
South					
Folkestone	1.9	—	37	3	Brgt pm
Eastb'rne	2.9	—	39	4	Bright
Brighton	—	—	36	2	Bright
Worthing	—	—	37	3	[illegible]
Bognor	4.0	—	39	4	Sunny
Southsea	3.0	—	39	4	Cloudy
Sandown	3.7	—	39	4	Sunny
Shanklin	3.5	—	37	3	Bright
Ventnor	3.1	—	37	3	Bright
B'mouth	4.3	—	37	3	Bright
Poole	5.4	—	37	3	Sunny
Weymouth	6.0	—	39	4	Sunny
Exmouth	5.2	—	39	4	Sunny
Teign'th	5.5	—	39	4	Sunny
Torquay	7.2	—	41	5	Sunny
Jersey	5.6	0.12	43	6	Sunny
Guernsey	3.2	—	43	6	Bright
West					
Scilly Is.	7.4	—	45	7	Sunny
Newquay	5.7	—	43	6	Sunny
Tenby	6.9	—	41	5	Sunny
Colwyn B	0.6	—	41	5	Bright
Southport	1.0	—	41	5	Bright
Morec'be	3.0	—	39	4	Brgt am
Douglas	6.0	—	41	5	Sunny
Scotland					
Eskdale'r	4.2	—	39	4	Sunny
Prestwick	0.3	—	34	1	Cloudy
Glasgow	2.1	—	37	3	Sunny
Tiree	6.0	—	39	4	Sunny
Stornoway	3.5	0.02	39	4	Showers
Lerwick	2.1	0.02	41	5	Showers
Wick	3.7	0.01	41	5	Sunny
Kinloss	—	0.04	41	5	Showers
Aberdeen	3.7	0.06	41	5	Shrs pm
St Andr's	0.3	—	39	4	Shrs pm
Edinburgh	—	—	39	4	Bright
Nthn Ireland					
Belfast	3.4	—	0	32	Fog

BRITISH ISLES



Issued at 6.30 p.m.

Black circles show temperatures expected in Fahrenheit. The equivalent temperature in Centigrade is given alongside in brackets. Arrows indicate wind direction and speed in m.p.h. Pressures in millibars and inches.

SKI-ING CONDITIONS

The following reports were supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain:

	Depth l	Depth u	Conditions Piste	Conditions O.P.	Weather	Tmp (F)
Arosa	48	70	v	g	sn	10
Grindelwald	40	90	fa	pd	sn	37
Isla	5	40	fa	v	cl	19
Isola 2000	45	70	fa	cr	fa	23
Klosters	30	120	g	pd	sn	21
La Plagne	30	115	fa	pd	a	14
Leysin	60	120	g	h	f	24
Murren	60	135	g	pd	f	6
St Anton	32	170	fa	pd	cl	14
Seefeld	25	50	w	h	cl	19
Zermatt	30	35	g	fa	f	14

Key: l—lower; u—upper; c—closed; cl—cloudy; cr—crust; f—fine; fa—fair; fo—fohn; g—good; h—heavy; i—icy; o.P.—off Piste; pd—powder; pr—poor; r—rain; sn—snow; sp—spring; th—thaw; v—varied; w—worn; depths in Centimetres; temperatures in Fahrenheit.

SCOTLAND

CAIRNGORMS.—Upper runs: complete but narrow, new snow with icy patches. Middle runs: some runs complete, new snow with ice patches. Lower slopes: limited nursery areas, new snow. Vertical runs: 1,000ft. Hill roads and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,500ft.

GLENSHEE.—Insufficient snow for ski-ing.

GLENCOE.—Insufficient snow for ski-ing.

LECHT.—Upper and middle runs and lower slopes: some runs complete with new snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 700ft. Hill roads and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

Forecast for ski-ing areas for today: Cairngorms and the Lecht will be cloudy with sleet or snow showers, and a fresh north-east wind. Over Glenshee and Glencoe it will be dry and cold with sunny periods.

Outlook for tomorrow: Little change.

LONDON READINGS

Max. temp. (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 39F (4C); min. temp. (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.) 34F (1C); rainfall trace; sunshine nil.

In Britain yesterday (daytime) warmest Isles of Scilly 45F (7C); coldest Long Kesh 30F (−1); wettest Boulmer, Northumbria 0·55in; sunniest Penzance 7·6 hrs.

Lighting-up time 4.36 p.m. to 7.36 a.m. Sun rises 8.6 a.m. Sets 4.6 p.m. Moon rises 1.37 p.m. Sets 6.55 a.m. tomorrow. High water at: London Bridge 11.39 a.m. (19.8ft); Dover 9.3 a.m. (18.5ft); 9.41 p.m. (19ft).

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Third Test—Third Day

AZHARUDDIN & SHASTRI MAKE ENGLAND TOIL

By *MICHAEL CAREY in Calcutta*

ENGLAND had to wait until the penultimate over of another hard-fought day for their solitary success at Eden Gardens, Calcutta, yesterday at the end of which India had put the third Test out of reach by making their way to 348 for five.

A century on his first appearance by Mohammad Azharuddin and Ravi Shastri's second of the series (an unbeaten, highly painstaking affair) gave India's batting the discipline sought following their defeat in Delhi. Their partnership of 214 was a fifth-wicket record for their side against all-comers.

Yet the day was not without kudos for England whose bowlers, operating in the most favourable batting conditions so far, yielded only 172 *runs* from 82 overs and, backed up by much athletic out-cricket, ensured that India had to work hard to build their substantial position.

Alas, closer to the bat England were less efficient, and on a day when clear-cut chances were always going to be few and far between, two, perhaps three, went astray and denied the bowlers reward for their efforts.

Even then, the day never got out of control, as often happens in discouraging circumstances. Indeed, with the fifth hour producing only 27 runs—12 of them off one over from Cowdrey—the sober mood was a reflection of India's anxiety to rebuild after their recent problems.

For them, the undoubted bonus was the maturity, temperament and no little quality of the lithely-built Azharuddin, who had appeared at 127 for four on the first day, fought his way through a tense final session, and richly deserved the odd moments when the rub of the green went his way.

Nervous 90s

He was more prolific, on the day, than Shashtri, who, finding many of his leg-side scoring avenues blocked, temporarily lost his timing and ran the risk of putting his less experienced partner under pressure by spending more than an hour in the 90s.

By then, however, the batsman from Hyderbad had already reached three figures, an innings heartily applauded by England even though they must have long since felt it was one of those days when the batsmen would play and miss rather than find the edge or enjoy other quirks of fortune.

Soon after lunch Asharuddin, *driving hard at Pocock* when 59, saw what appeared to be a hard edge hit the edge of Downton's gloves. But with both batsmen highly selective nothing much else happened to encourage England at this stage.

The accuracy of their spinners, however, resulted in an afternoon session that cost only 55 runs from 35 overs, even though the fifth-wicket pair overtook the previous Indian record partnership against England.

Cowdrey, filling in while the new ball became due, was savaged for 12 off one over by Azharullin soon after tea as the newcomer reached a worthy maiden hundred in 382 minutes, the 51st player and the eighth Indian to achieve the feat on his first Test appearance.

Immediately, slashing hard at a short ball from Cowans, armed with the third new ball, he saw Downton plunge to his right but fail to hold another sharp chance which flew at catchable height between the wicketkeeper and first slip.

The partnership then went past 200, but even these exalted heights could not produce a change in tempo, while Azharuddin enjoyed another near thing at 107 when Edmonds made a valiant attempt to hold a chance at backward short leg.

After seven hours and 929 balls, Shastri reached the fifth century of his Test career and just when it seemed the pair would see the day out, Azharuddin tucked himself up in dealing with a short ball from Cowans and gave Gower a simple catch.

The scoreboard

INDIA.—First Innings

*S. M. Gavaskar, c Gatting, b Edmonds	13
A. D. Gaekwad, c Downton, b Cowans	18
D. B. Vengsarkar, b Edmonds	48
M. Amarnath, c Cowdrey, b Edmonds	42
M. Azharuddin, c Gower, b Cowans	110
R. J. Shastri, not out	108
†S. M. H. Kirmani, not out	0
Extras (lb 6, nb 2, w 1)	9
Total (5 wkts)	348

Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-35, 3-126, 4-127, 5-341.

To bat: M. Prabhakar, S. N. Yadav, L. Sivaramkrishnan, Chetan Sharma.

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
Ellison	47	14	102	0
Cowans	31	10	67	2
Edmonds	42	21	66	3
Pocock	46	13	91	0
Cowdrey	2	0	15	0
Gatting	2	1	1	0

ENGLAND.—G. Fowler, R. T. Robinson, M. W. Gatting, A. J. Lamb, *D. I. Gower, C. S. Cowdrey, †P. R. Downton, P. H. Edmonds, R. M. Ellison, P. I. Pocock, W. G. Cowans.

Umpires: Vikram Raju and B. Ganguli.

*Captains: †Wicketkeepers

O'DONNELL CHOSEN

Simon O'Donnell, a young Victorian all-rounder, was yesterday selected in Australia's cricket squad for the start of the World Series Cup next week but there was no place for Test hero Bob Holland or Kim Hughes, the former captain.

A. R. Border (Capt), R. M. Hogg (Vice-capt), K. C. Wessels, G. M. Wood, A. M. J. Hilditch, G. M. Ritchie, D. C. Boon, W. B. Phillips, G. F. Lawson, C. J. McDermott, M. J. Bennett, S. O'Donnell.

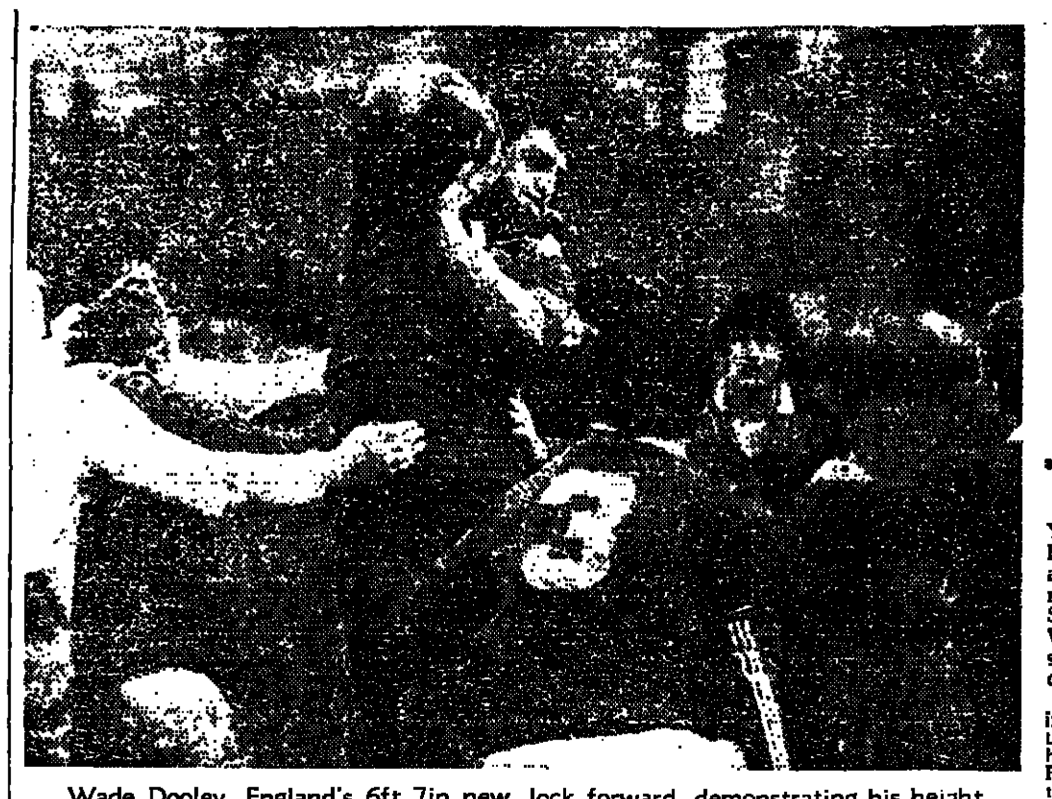
Women's Test

DRAW IN PROSPECT

The Third Women's Test in Brisbane looked to be heading for a draw as Australia declared their First Innings at 326 for nine near the end of the third day. England, 51 behind on First Innings, lost Megan Lear for a duck at the start of their second to go into today's final sessions at 13-1.

England 275 (J. Southgate 74, J. Edney 47) & 13-1. Australia 326-9 dec. (D. Emerson 84).

David Gower, the England captain, takes evasive action as Mohammad Azharuddin gets hold of a ball from Pat Pocock yesterday.



Wade Dooley, England's 6ft 7in new lock forward, demonstrating his height and power during line-out practice yesterday.

Boxing

MAGRI ON TOES FOR CHITALADA

CHARLIE MAGRI, the former world flyweight champion expects to be at his fittest when he attempts to recapture the World Boxing Council title from Sot Chitalada of Thailand at the Alexandra Pavilion, North London, on Feb. 20, writes Ken Mays.

Magri revealed yesterday that when he lost the title in his first defence against Frank Cerdano at Wembley 16 months ago, he was suffering from ear trouble.

Since then he has had only one round of competitive boxing, a one round victory over Franco Cherci to regain the European title in August.

Magri who is fighting outside the Mike Barrett-Mickey Duff combine for the first time in his career, is also aware that Chitalada is world champion after only eight contests.

Frank Warren, the promoter, has decided to add Jimmy Cable's defence of his British light middleweight title against Prince Rodney as the chief supporting bout.

AVERAGES IN AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIA

BATTING

	M	I	NO	HS	R	Av
A. Hilditch	2	3	0	113	185	61.66
K. Wessels	5	9	0	173	505	56.11
M. Bennett	2	3	2	23	48	48.00
W. Phillips	5	4	0	54	136	34.00
A. Border	5	9	0	69	246	27.33
D. Boon	3	5	0	51	132	26.40
G. Wood	5	9	0	56	207	23.00
G. Lawson	5	9	2	49	131	18.71
R. Hogg	4	7	3	21*	54	13.50
J. Dyson	3	6	0	30	77	12.83
S. Rixon	3	5	0	20	53	10.60
K. Hughes	4	8	0	37	81	10.12
T. Alderman	3	6	1	25	34	6.80
R. Holland	3	4	1	7*	15	5.00
C. McDermott	2	2	0	4	4	2.00

* Not out

Played in 1 Test: G. Matthews 5, 2; C. Rackemann 0, 0; G. Ritchie 37; G. Yallop 2, 1.

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W	Av
G. Lawson	194.4	39	589	23	25.60
C. McDermott	69	8	275	10	27.50
R. Holland	130.3	26	404	14	28.85
T. Alderman	99	31	339	9	37.66
M. Bennett	78.4	16	214	5	42.80
R. Hogg	137.1	23	474	11	43.09

Also bowled: A. Border 9-0-49-0; G. Matthews 14.3-2-67-2; C. Rackemann 28-3-106-0; K. Wessels 6-0-15-0.

FIELDING

12—Rixon (11ct, 1st). 7—Phillips. 5—Wood. 4—Bennett, Border, Hughes. 3—Wessels. 2—Boon, Hogg. 1—Alderman, Hilditch, Holland, Lawson, McDermott, Matthews, Rackemann, Yallop.

WEST INDIES

BATTING

	M	I	NO	HS	R	Av
H. Gomes	5	9	2	127	451	64.42
C. Lloyd	5	8	1	114	356	50.85
P. Dujon	5	8	1	139	341	48.71
V. Richards	5	9	1	208	340	42.75
M. Marshall	5	6	1	57	174	34.80
D. Haynes	5	9	0	63	247	27.44
Greenidge	5	8	0	95	214	26.75
Richardson	5	9	0	138	236	26.22
R. Harper	2	3	0	26	40	13.33
C. Walsh	5	6	3	18*	32	10.66
J. Garner	5	6	2	17	41	10.25
M. Holding	3	4	0	1	2	0.50

* Not out

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W	Av
M. Holding	88.1	20	249	15	16.60
M. Marshall	215.2	45	554	28	19.78
R. Harper	72	15	217	8	26.37
J. Garner	177.4	33	566	19	29.78
C. Walsh	146.2	29	433	15	33.23

Also bowled: H. A. Gomes 15-4-30-2; Richards 16-4-32-1.

FIELDING

19—Dujon. 9—Richardson. 5—Greenidge, Lloyd. 4—Haynes, Marshall. 3—Richards. 2—Garner, Holding. 1—substitutes. 1—Gomes, Harper, Walsh.

WEST INDIES TOUR

BATTING

	M	I	NO	HS	R	Av
C. Lloyd	10	16	2	114	732	52.28
H. Gomes	10	14	2	127	607	50.58
P. Dujon	9	13	2	151*	536	48.72
D. Haynes	10	18	2	155	643	40.18
V. Richards	10	17	1	208	606	37.87
A. Logie	6	7	0	134	250	35.71
Richardson	10	17	1	145	563	35.18
Greenidge	8	15	0	95	469	31.26
M. Marshall	7	9	2	57	212	30.28
W. Davis	5	7	2	50	110	22.00
T. Payne	3	5	0	55	93	18.60
E. Baptiste	4	6	0	54	107	17.83
C. Walsh	9	10	6	18*	55	13.75
R. Harper	6	9	1	58*	104	13.00
J. Garner	8	9	4	17	58	11.60
M. Holding	6	3	1	21	49	7.00

* Not out

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W	Av
M. Marshall	267.3	59	699	36	19.41
M. Holding	135.3	37	405	20	20.25
V. Richards	77	24	142	6	23.66
J. Garner	257.4	58	668	25	26.72
C. Walsh	255.1	52	789	29	27.20
E. Baptiste	67.1	20	165	5	33.00
R. Harper	215.5	51	563	16	35.18
W. Davis	115.4	25	415	8	51.87

Also bowled: P. J. L. Dujon 7-3-43-1; H. A. Gomes 68-17-157-3; C. G. Greenidge 5-0-7-0; D. L. Haynes 6-0-27-0; A. L. Logie 10-1-29-1; R. B. Richardson 10-1-40-0.

FIELDING

27—Dujon. 14—Richardson. 9—Greenidge, Payne, Richards. 8—Substitutes. 7—Lloyd. 6—Harper, Holding. 5—Haynes. 4—Marshall. 3—Garner. 2—Gomes, Walsh. 1—Baptiste, Davis.

BILL FRINDALL

Rugby Union

Dooley, pride of Preston, wades in

By *GRAHAM TAIT*

"WADE DOOLEY for England—don't make me laugh." No—not the comment of one of the Preston policeman's rivals for a place in the England second row against Rumania tomorrow, but the pre-season thoughts of the new cap himself.

At the start of the season, Dooley, 27, who lives on the outskirts of Blackpool, set his sights on a place in the Lancashire team.

"But now there's only one thing on my mind . . . playing well at Twickenham. After all this, I would hate to let anybody down", he said.

"Getting in to the county team in these parts is not exactly an easy proposition. When one considers that those in contention include Jim Syddall and Nigel Wilkinson from Waterloo, Orrell's Dave Cusani and Bob Kimmins and Steve Bainbridge, now at Fylde, county places are not easily come by.

"But I'm not naive enough to accept that I have not been lucky. Early on Cusani sustained a nasty injury that put him out of the reckoning and much has been written about Bainbridge's international indisposition.

Bit of stick

"No matter how the breaks went my way nobody will ever appreciate how proud I felt running out to face Eastern Counties at Southend in the first Championship fixture of the season.

"Although we won convincingly we got a bit of stick with people saying it was not the Lancashire of old, but in the later matches we had got it right.

"Although I always held my own quiet hopes of breaking into the England set-up I suppose I was hardly disillusioned when not being amongst the 33 originally chosen for squad sessions. Maybe it was just a dream. But then when I heard the team I was absolutely shattered.

"I know people are saying 'Wade Who from Preston where.' But I won't let anybody down at Twickenham. Obviously I am something of a novice at this level and have a lot to learn but, with Dick Greenwood about, you know you're going to learn."

Greenwood, England's much-maligned coach, accepts that England have much to prove against the Rumanians but discounts any suggestion that the selection of 6ft 7in Dooley is in any way a gamble or that the Preston connection has anything to do with Dooley's sudden rise to fame.

Greenwood, a former England captain, sees the long arm of the law reaching high to plunder valuable possession for a new-look back division to show its paces.

"Obviously Wade still has a lot to learn but he's big enough and there's no more determined player in the country. Just because I am also heavily involved at Preston people should not start interpreting Wade's selection with any sinister suspicions," said Greenwood.

"I first met the lad about eight years ago when I was coming out of the changing rooms at Blackburn and it went dark when he walked past. Even then, though, he showed considerable potential—he was more than just another big lad.

Bright future

"Last year he played with Lancashire B but a string of injuries kept him quiet for much of the season. But now with all that behind him he faces a bright future. He has much to learn but it's all up to him."

Those injuries plus the now familar demands on the policeman's lot over picket duty outside the pits have left Dooley with little time for serious training.

"'Yes,' but we are a pretty fit lot down at the station and when off duty the lads are always keen to come running with me," he added. "I thought I had capped everything when coming on in the second half as replacement for Jim Syddall in the North pack against the Rumanians at Birkenhead Park last weekend.

Golf

TORRANCE TOPS

Sam Torrance, 31, is the White Horse Whisky golf personality for 1984. He was chosen by golf writers after finishing runner-up in the Sperry Order of Merit—behind Bernhard Langer—with £112,637 in official winnings on the P G A European Tour. He receives a gallon of Scotch and a cheque for £2,500.

Boxing

LEONARD STABLE

Sugar Ray Leonard, the former welterweight champion, is comfortable in hospital after receiving face, chest and hand injuries in a car crash in Maryland on Wednesday night. Leonard retired from boxing two years ago because of a detached retina.

Cpl. Orwin called up for England

By JOHN MASON

JOHN ORWIN, an R A F corporal who captains his Service and his club, Gloucester, got a telephone call yesterday afternoon requesting his company urgently in London. England want him in the second row against Rumania at Twickenham tomorrow.

Orwin, 30, originally from Yorkshire and stationed at Brize Norton, Oxfordshire, was at R A F Innsworth when he received the call to replace Jim Syddall, the Lancashire and Waterloo lock, who has hamstring problems. Orwin is a new cap.

Syddall, who has been receiving treatment daily since leaving the field last Saturday at Birkenhead where the North beat the Rumanians, attended England's training at St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill, near Twickenham, yesterday. At first it appeared that he would be match fit.

"Selection was subject to my fitness and I'd been rung twice daily by England to check how things were," Syddall told me. "I came here thinking, hoping, that everything would be O K. Briefly it was.

"But then I had to do a bit of stretching, some scrummaging and a couple of other tests for the physio and we both knew at once. There is one thing though—I am pleased for John Orwin. He deserves it."

Packed bags

At that the track-suited Syddall was given a lift back to the team's hotel in Richmond where he quickly packed his bags and returned home. Orwin joined his England colleagues last night and will rapidly pick up the threads at training this morning at Strawberry Hill.

Richard Greenwood, England's coach, had asked for Orwin, an R A F technician who played against the Australians this winter for the Combined Services and for the South and South-West, to be in reserve at yesterday afternoon's training. He had already been warned to stand by.

But Orwin's initial commitment was to the R A F representative team who played Cheltenham under lights last night. The telephone call to where the R A F side were assembling revised priorities and Orwin becomes England's sixth new cap against Rumania.

Paul Dodge, England's new captain and back in the international swim for the first time since breaking a leg in December 1983, said after training that England were seeking to use consistently a backline but would be moving the ball around "to the best of their ability."

Ward is dropped by St Mary's

Tony Ward, ignored by the Irish selectors this season, has been dropped by his club, St Mary's, for tomorrow's game against Dolphin.

Ward's out-half place on the St Mary's side has been given to Paul Dean, who has been chosen in that position for Ireland's opening international against England on Jan. 19.

Rugby League

G.B. SURPRISES

Maurice Bamford, Great Britain's Rugby League coach, yesterday named a young and largely inexperienced squad for the two Test matches against France in March. Surprise choices include Paul Harkin, the Hull K R scrum-half, who only recently won back a first-team place, and Chris Johnson, the Leigh full-back, who was without first-team experience until late last season.

GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD. — Backs: Edwards (Wigan), Johnson (Leigh), Clark (Hull KR), Ford (Warrington), Gill (Wigan), Ledger (St Helens), Creasser (Leeds), Duane (Warrington), Gribbin (Whitehaven), Hanley (Bradford N), Arkwright (St Helens), Fox (Featherstone R), Harkin (Hull KR), Myler (Widnes).

Forwards: Crooks, Dannatt (Hull), Dickinson (Leeds), Wane, Kiss (Wigan), Watkinson (Hull KR), Goodway (Oldham), Platt (St Helens), Powell (Leeds), Rathbone (Bradford N), Divorty (Hull), Platner (St Helens).

Rugby in the West

CAMBORNE BACK IN THE LEAD

By ROY STANDRING

CAMBORNE are back on top of the Cornwall Merit Table, a position they monopolised for five successive seasons until Launceston, then Redruth, manoeuvred them briefly from their perch.

Not that their progress has been entirely uneventful. "By our own standards we had a pretty miserable start to the season" says club chairman Malcolm Roach. They were beaten for the first time by St Austell and there were several uncomfortably close affairs.

Then Chris Burant and Paul Ranford, both of whom retired last season, were cajoled back into the pack. Durant, who has 52 county caps, made such an impact that he was subsequently given the captaincy of Cornwall.

That restored the stability of the pack. Behind the scrum the return from Falklands duty of Chris Alcock, a Royal Navy helicopter pilot, and Simon Lord has brought further benefits.

Cornwall play Alcock at full-back but Camborne prefer him at centre. "He's struck up a fine understanding with Nigel Pellowe, with the result that we're much more expansive now," says Roach.

Another bonus

A further bonus has been the return from Hayle of loose head Bobby Tonkin, a seasoned county player and formidable scrummager, and the 6ft 6in 20-stone Tommy Adams is making his presence felt in the second row.

There have been crucial Merit Table wins over Redruth (twice) and St Ives, and tomorrow there is a Southwest Merit Table match at Plymouth Albion. "That's a tough one," Roach concedes.

Off the pitch, the club is negotiating with Kerrier Council for the purchases of the Recreation Ground, the 30-year lease of which expires in April. "We'd like the opportunity to develop it," says the Chairman.

FOCUS ON RUGBY — *By Peter West*

Just reward at last for Harding

IN rugby, or indeed in any other sphere of human activity, it is not universally true that everything comes to he who waits.

...But in the case of Richard Harding, who wins his first England cap tomorrow at the ripe young age of 31, there will be widespread satisfaction that so thoroughly consistent and resilient a scrum-half has got the accolade at last.

After his sterling efforts for the South and South West Division in their victory over the Rumanians at Gloucester on Tuesday, the glad news still came as a surprise to him. "I thought Richard Hill or Steve Smith would get the nod," he says.

Now his England debut will be made not with his Bristol partner, Stuart Barnes, who played against Australia, but with another new cap, Rob Andrew.

He reacts to the selectors' verdict with mixed feelings but a level-headed confidence. "I am obviously disappointed for Stuart" he observed, "but for different reasons I have got to be looking forward to playing with Rob and making a go of it."

Bob Hesford's recall to England's colours will be a comfort to him. England's scrum-half and No. 8 have forged a productive rapport for Bristol and the South West Division. Hesford will bring an experienced hand to tidying up the bits and pieces close-in.

In his days at Millfield Harding made three appearances for the England 19 group and subsequently — in 1973 and 1974 — played in two university matches for Cambridge.

Bob Wilkinson, Alan Wordsworth, Alastair Hignell and Peter Warfield were members of one or another of those Cambridge sides who went on to win England caps.

'B' cap in 1980

The nearest Harding got to an England Under 23 place was as member of a squad that included a young Steve Smith. But he won a 'B' cap against Ireland in 1980, for an England team which included future internationals in Steve Boyle, Steve Bainbridge, David Cooke, Steve Mills, Gordon Sargent and Tony Swift.

The South and South West chose Harding to play with John Horton against the touring Australians in 1976 and 1981, the Fijians of 1982 and the All Blacks of 1983.

When the Wallabies came here again this season, the divisional selectors stuck by Harding in spite of the fact that Richard Hill had won two England caps in South Africa last summer.

But Hill was chosen for England against the R F U President's XV last autumn. On that occasion Harding stood by as a replacement—as he had done when Nick Youngs won the last of his six caps, against Wales at Twickenham.

Nigel Melville was England's scrum-half and captain against Australia in November and Hill his reserve. Harding now becomes England's fourth scrum-half in the past year, just as Paul Dodge will be their fourth captain in the same period.

No one is better placed than Bath's John Horton to appraise the virtues of the three scrum-halves—Harding, Hill and Smith—who, in Melville's absence, now top the English ratings.

"Richard Harding's form thoroughly justifies his recognition," Horton asserts. "He's an old, extremely dependable hand. If the ball isn't right to give out he'll take it on himself or look for his loose forward.

"He's strong, rarely loses the ball in the tackle and very quick off the mark. I have always rated him highly."

Harding's piece de resistance, which I have not seen another scrum-half achieve so spectacularly, is the long pass direct to his outside centre, or to the full-back coming into the line.

Athletics

Budd to 'stay British'

By *KEN MAYS*

THE South Africans handed back Zola Budd to Britain yesterday with their blessing but added that caution should be exercised to look after what they described as the greatest athletic potential in the world.

After a controversial visit to London, Miss Budd flew back to South Africa last night fully aware that she has been committed to Britain as a person and an athlete for the rest of her active life.

Jannine Momberg, the South African official who has shielded the teenager since the disaster at the Los Angeles Olympics when she clashed with Mary Decker, said at a Press conference: "We have handed back to Britain potentially the greatest athlete in the world. It saddens me, but it is the best possible course for her."

Miss Budd will return to Britain on Jan. 19 and then prepare for the 1,500 metres at the Pearl Assurance National indoor championships at Cosford on Jan. 26 and if successful, will then compete for the United Kingdom against West Germany at the Midlands centre on Feb. 9.

After that, Miss Budd hopes to compete in the National Women's cross-country championships at Birkenhead on Feb. 16.

While Mr Momberg and her immediate adviser attended the Fleet Street gathering, Miss Budd went shopping in London's West End, aware that her future programme had been mapped out for her.

Cricket

KIRK FIGHTS FOR CHAIR

By DEREK HODGSON

Yorkshire yesterday renewed the in-fighting for the general committee elections in March. Five members were returned unopposed but fierce contests are promised in Hull, Sheffield and Craven.

Reg Kirk, the club chairman, is being challenged in Hull by Geoffrey Needler, 44, a quantity surveyor, while Peter Fretwell, who ousted Fred Trueman last March, will be opposed by Anthony Roberts, a Wharfedale farmer and businessman.

In Sheffield, Terry Jarvis the incumbent, has to resist his predecessor Tim Reed, a solicitor, and Mike Cunningham, a current Sheffield United cricketer.

Messrs Kirk, Fretwell and Jarvis are considered supporters of Geoffrey Boycott. Their opponents, Mr Cunningham apart, will have the tacit support of those associated with Brian Close and who are opposed to Boycott's influence.

The five members returned already are regarded as being either moderates or anti-Boycott: Raymond Clegg (Bradford), Tony Cawdry (Halifax), Brian Walsh (Leeds), Bryan Stott (Wharfedale), Phil Sharpe (York).

Golf

Uzielli is surprised by 'Dinner' man Hurley

By DONALD STEEL

THE defeat of John Uzielli, the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society's captain, was perhaps the only real surprise, though there was no shortage of interest on the opening day of the President's Putter at Rye yesterday.

On the greens which never completely thawed out and under clouds that loomed menacingly from mid-morning, the tournament gave the golf season its traditional start with a full programme of matches, which provided eight hours' golf.

Uzielli, who lost on the 19th in last year's semi-final to the eventual winner, went down by three and two to Martin Hurley, an Oxford Dinner Match player in 1985.

Frost made judgment of second shots particularly hazardous, and power is not the most important quality in such circumstances, but three of the longest players survived safely enough.

Holder through

Andy Edmond, the holder, and Ted Dexter, his victim in last year's final, experienced no great alarms, and Alan Holmes, a winner on three occasions, was also in no danger.

Sir Michael Wilford, former Ambassador in Tokyo, did well to keep the redoubtable Holmes going for 16 holes.

For touch and judgment round the green, there was nothing to match Mark Dufton, this year's Oxford captain, whose ration of 16 putts for 14 holes speaks for itself.

Nobody matched the figures of level par produced by Stephen Sharpe in beating Nigel Grant, while David Meacher, son of the Opposition's spokesman for Social Services, was another good winner in his first Putter.

The outstanding match involved *Bruce Webster*, a doctor from Hayling Island, who beat Richard Hurst, a captain of Oxford at Rye in 1978. Hurst, three up after eight holes, lost at the 20th.

Rye details

FIRST ROUND.—N. A. Theyer bt D. L. Baxter 2 & 1; A. Swanston bt J. D. Cruickshank 5 & 4; A. Disley bt R. J. H. Randall 1 hole; M. P. J. Bonney bt T. F. Sharp 3 & 2.

A. A. Barratt-Greene bt A. G. S. McCallum 4 & 3; J. S. Sutherland bt P. M. Wiper 3 & 2; J. B. L. Webster bt R. J. G. Hurst at 20th; P. J. R. Webb bt D. C. Bonsall 2 & 1.

A. G. M. Goodrich bt R. T. Gardiner-Hill 2 & 1; D. L. F. Simons bt J. R. Gillum 3 & 2; B. G. Streather w.o. M. J. Reece scr; D. J. Youngman bt R. M. S. Gibb 8 & 7.

I. R. H. Pattinson bt G. C. Penfold 1 hole; R. F. Palmer bt J. C. Leon 4 & 3; J. P. Willcocks bt J. G. Clark 5 & 4; M. A. Jones bt J. W. L. Adams 7 & 6.

R. W. Devlin w.o. N. Rogan scr; J. M. Peel w.o. J. G. Begg scr; C. E. Travers bt M. R. Puddy 3 & 2; T. M. Powell bt N. R. M. Philcox 4 & 3.

D. Randall bt P. B. K. Gracey 1 hole; M. J. Dufton bt C. L. Edmonton 5 & 4; A. W. J. Holmes bt Sir M. Wilford 3 & 2; J. T. L. Watson bt P. L. Osborn 5 & 4.

R. M. Tickell bt G. O. Leach 2 & 1; A. P. Stracey w.o. J. A. Nicholson scr; C. J. Weight w.o. D. M. Williams scr; M. F. Baigent bt R. W. Krefting 3 & 2.

C. D. Meacher bt C. M. de la Rue 3 & 2; J. R. E. Kent bt W. I. D. Moberly 2 & 1; J. N. Davie bt H. M. J. Ritchie 1 hole; P. J. R. Souster bt C. J. Dean 2 & 1.

A. J. G. Wright bt S. D. Ellis 1 hole; S. A. Sharpe bt N. J. Grant 5 & 4; Mr J. Hurley bt W. J. Uzielli 3 & 2; T. A. Wilkinson bt A. W. Riley 3 & 2.

E. J. C. Dunn bt M. R. Cox 1 hole; D. G. Choyce bt M. E. Kitchin 1 hole; A. G. Edmond bt R. L. Hedley, Miller 4 & 3 M. W. M. R. MacPhee bt C. J. F. Silcock 1 hole.

A. Armitstead bt C. V. Finlay 2 & 1; E. R. Dexter bt J. M. D. Moberley 6 & 5; P. J. R. Bathurst bt D. J. Sandison 4 & 3; F. McL. Hayward w.o. M. P. Green scr.

D. I. Wilson bt A. N. Andrews 4 & 3; G. S. Melville bt N. P. Rhodes 5 & 4; B. G. F. Watson bt M. H. Castwood 8 & 7; A. Bastianello bt P. B. Merry at 20th.

D. M. A. Steel bt J. N. Littlewood 4 & 3; D. G. Lucas bt R. G. Aunst 2 & 1; A. de C. Aldrich-Blake bt D. W. Johnson 4 & 3; A. N. S. Fisher bt J. Clement 4 & 3.

G. Collingham bt P. N. Pentecost 2 & 1; P. A. C. Cogan bt J. A. S. Nash 1 hole; R. T. Robinson bt V. Shaw 3 & 2; P. M. Frognall bt R. D. Forbes Watson 3 & 2.

T. E. D. Harker bt D. T. Sparrow 3 & 2; D. C. Steel w.o. J. Whitmore scr; J. M. T. Warman bt T. M. Fitzsimmons 3 & 2; P. F. Gardiner-Hill bt G. J. Anale 1 hole.

P. J. Berry bt G. W. E. Milligan 5 & 4; J. Armitage bt A. H. Carnegie 5 & 4; P. J. Olver-Minns bt A. C. Hodson 6 & 5; M. Yates bt N. M. Williamson 5 & 4.

Schools Rugby

KENT NEVER EXTENDED

By Our Schools Rugby Correspondent

Eastern Counties ... 0
Kent ... 23pts

The unbeaten Kent side duly completed their holiday matches with a comfortable victory over Eastern Counties on a bitterly cold afternoon at Grays.

In scoring two goals, two tries and a penalty goal, Kent were always in command. Their forwards, with Harris and Chapman dominating the line-out, provided a stream of possession, and the backs produced some touches of high-class play.

All four of the Kent threequarters made an impact on the game, and Parker gave the attacks an extra dimension with his thrustful running and crisp passing.

Following a penalty by Parker, two sparkling movements started by clean ball from rucks gave two tries to Kent. Parker converted the first by Bennett, and then scored himself after Davies, Walker and Wheeler had handled.

Impressive lock

Eastern Counties did better after the interval, with Masdin and Glen making the most of their limited chances, but Kent increased their lead with tries by Harris, an impressive lock, and Sherman. Parker converted the second.

EASTERN COUNTIES. — S. Glen (Great Cornard): F. Heanue (Canon Palmer), R. Cobbold (Great Cornard), S. Worrall (Gresham's), J. Kess (Peterborough Tech); M. Davis (Campion), D. Masdin (Wymondham): C. House (Norfolk Tech), A. Brewer (Gresham's), C. Farthing (King Edward VI, Bury), J. Green (Campion), R. Meacher (Cooper's), D. Hunt (Newmarket Upper, capt.), J. Bevan (Sexey's), J. White (The Leys).

KENT.—C. Parker (Chislehurst & Sidcup): N. Bennett (Skinner's), J. Keohane (Chatham House GS), S. Davies (Tonbridge), N. Johnny (St Joseph's, Blackheath): P. Wheeler (Chislehurst & Sidcup), A. Watson (St Joseph's, Blackheath): S. Freeman (Dartford GS), R. Taylor (Maidstone GS), M. Cummins (Chatham GS), P. Chapman (Langley Park), M. Harris (St Joseph's, Blackheath), W. Walker (Hundred of Hoo), M. Shearman (Chislehurst & Sidcup), A. Tague (Maidstone GS, capt). Replacement: R. Bridson (Sevenoaks).

Referee: A. Sykes (Eastern Counties)

TE AUTE SWITCH

Te Aute, the touring New Zealand school, have had their final match against Wasps Colts switched from next Thursday to Wednesday. The game at Sudbury kicks off at 7 p.m.

BOXING

SEOUL. — IBF Jnr Featherweight Ch'ship (15 rounds): Kim Ji-Won (S. Korea) bt Suh Song-in (S. Korea) ret'd 10th.

Hockey

Delegates to question lack of sponsorship

By CHRIS MOORE

THE Hockey Association's apparent failure to capitalise on Great Britain's success at the Los Angeles Olympics by finding sponsors for the three major domestic competitions seems likely to provoke stormy scenes at next week's Council meeting.

Some delegates will demand how the Hockey Association could have afforded to reject a sponsorship offer worth more than £10,000 for the National Indoor Club Championship.

This offer, from a nationalised industry, was apparently rejected in the hope that another company would take on sponsorship for all domestic hockey. However, these negotiations are now believed to have collapsed and the Hockey Association has ended up empty-handed.

The Great Britain team captured public imagination by winning the bronze medal in Los Angeles against seemingly impossible odds. The impact on the public was demonstrated when both B B C and I T V viewers recently voted them "Team of the Year."

Only one deal

While this increased interest in hockey has also been reflected in greater numbers taking up the game, it serves to underline the continuing lack of sponsorship for domestic competitions.

Since it was established a year ago, the Hockey Association's sponsorship committee has negotiated only one deal for a major event. During the same period, at least two other companies have shown interest in sponsoring tournaments.

The approach concerning the Indoor Club Championship, which is being televised by the B B C, would have included a basic sponsorship fee of £10,000, together with the costs of printing and publicity.

ESHA DIVISIONAL U-18 T'MENT (Lilleshall).—West 4, Midland 0: East 2, Sth East 1: Nth West 1, Sth West 0, Nth East 0, West 1: Midlands 0, East 2: Sth East 2, Nth West 0, Sth West 1, Nth East 1: Midlands 0, Sth West 1: West 1, Nth West 1: East 1, Nth East 0: Sth East 0, West 3: Nth West 1: Midlands 1 East 1, Sth West 2, Sth East 2, Nth East 0: West 0, East 0.

Women's Hockey

SELECTORS' DILEMMA

By NANCY TOMKINS

The England selectors have gaps to fill and it is only from the recently announced territorial teams that England can choose. Mary Eckersall, the England captain, is not available, while Rosie Sykes and Ruth Hine have withdrawn.

After 25 years' service and with a World Cup to plan for in 1986 Val Robinson could be finished internationally. The North set a fine example for England's future by introducing fresh territorial talent.

The West squad of 13 is also a blend of highly experienced players, a few promotions from last year's B team and an exciting former East junior, Katherine Tilbury of the champion county, Avon.

Julie Williams, the Western Counties new neat and tigerish goalkeeper from Dorset, replaced one of the game's colourful characters, Dawn Maddern. Though displaced, Miss Maddern, a weightlifter, never let down either Cornwall or the West.

Strong competition

Miss Tilbury, a forceful right wing, is unlucky in having ahead of her another winger Kathy Clarke, an England B member last year and playing well. It is encouraging, though, to find direct competition between good, young players.

The East and the South have progressed no further than squads of trialists. Tracy Wilce, a 1984 schoolgirl international, is the most exciting of several young players called to East final trials at Ipswich on Saturday.

WEST SQUAD.—J. Williams (Dorset); H. Bartlett (Devon), S. Brimble (Glos), K. Clarke (Devon), C. Coombs (Avon), S. Franks (Somerset) (capt.), R. Goodridge (Devon), S. Pearson (Avon), S. Slocombe (Somerset), J. Smith (Devon), K. Tilbury (Avon), C. Unwin (Cornwall), A. Wright (Avon).

EVERTON HAVE WEMBLEY IN SIGHTS AGAIN

By DONALD SAUNDERS

EVERTON, having already staked a claim as outstanding League Championship contenders, open their defence of the F A Cup against Leeds at Elland Road tonight in front of millions of television fans.

"We are the holders and proud of it," emphasised Howard Kendall, their manager, who became the youngest player to appear in a final when Preston were beaten by West Ham in 1964.

Andy Gray . . . in line for a recall.

Mr Kendall explained that his players, having sampled the atmosphere of Wembley three times last year in the Milk Cup, F A Cup and Charity Shield, were anxious to go back there.

"I sense that the players are determined to do well again in the F A Cup, especially as they were so unluckily knocked out of the Milk Cup in the last minute by Grimsby," he added.

He must decide, this morning, whether to risk recalling Andy Gray, his former Scottish international striker, and Gary Stevens, his accomplished young right-back, who both missed much of the holiday programme because of injury.

"Though both came through good work-outs this morning, there is always the chance of overnight reaction and they will have some light training tomorrow before I make up my mind.

"It will be a difficult tie but I do not see it as any more testing than our start last year, when we won at Stoke," Mr Kendall went on.

If Gray returns, Terry Curran will drop out. The recall of Stevens would allow Pat Van den Hauwe to switch to left back.

Stand-in stays cool

No one is looking forward to the match more than Phil Hughes, 20, who stands in for the injured David Harvey, Leeds experienced goal-keeper.

"I have a calm temperament and will treat it just like any other game," said the youngster, who has made only three previous senior appearances.

Leeds, whose under-soil heating has been switched on all week, are hoping for a crowd of 30,000 despite the B B C's live screening of the match.

"There is no substitute for the real thing and we need all the support we can get," says Eddie Gray, their manager.

CHEEKBONE BLOW FOR EVANS

ASTON VILLA will go to Anfield tomorrow afternoon for their difficult F A Cup-tie against Liverpool without Allan Evans, their accomplished central defender and spirited captain, writes **Donald Saunders.**

Evans fractured a cheekbone during a collision with David Cross, the West Bromwich striker, on New Year's Day and will be out for three weeks.

Imre Varadi, who scored both goals in Sheffield Wednesday's 2-1 victory over Manchester United on New Year's Day, may also miss the start of his club's Cup campaign, at Fulham, because of a leg injury that prevented his training yesterday.

A hip injury will prevent Nick Morgan from appearing in Portsmouth's front line for the home tie with Blackburn, who may lose Ian Miller, their Scottish winger, with hamstring trouble.

Chris Waddle, Newcastle's leading scorer, is also struggling to overcome a hamstring injury in time for Sunday's visit to Nottingham Forest, who yesterday offered Brian Clough, their manager, to name his own terms for a new, long-term contract.

SPURS 8-1 FOR CUP

Manchester United have been installed as 7-1 favourites for the F A Cup.

Coral's leading prices: 7 Man. Utd, 8 Liverpool, Tottenham, 9 Arsenal, 12 Everton, Notm Forest, Sou'hampton, 14 Watford, West Ham, Chelsea.

TODAY'S FOOTBALL

F A CUP—3rd Rd

Leeds v Everton (7.15) ....

SCHOOLS. — ESFA RHS Trophy: Surrey v Sussex (C. Palace Training Grd, Mitcham, 2 p.m.).

Mats Wilander, the top seed, and (right) Sammy Giammalva, during their Junior Masters match in Birmingham yesterday which Giammalva won in straight sets.

Soccer Matters

The cost of Luton's 'civil war'

By MICHAEL CALVIN

IT will not be an edifying task to count the casualties when Luton's "civil war," which football folk follow with a morbid fascination, comes to a climax.

Nobody can deny that the controversy created by the prospect of the club being moved 20 miles up the M1 to a multi-purpose stadium in Milton Keynes is perfect soap opera.

The cloak of "commercial secrecy" thrown over the negotiations cannot disguise naked ambition and raw political manoeuvring.

A hate campaign forced the Luton chairman to resign, yet for all the genuine anguish of the supporters, the overwhelming impression is of a club flirting with ritual suicide.

Axe to grind

This would have been Tom Hunt's 25th successive season as a Kenilworth Road regular. He went six years without missing a match, home or away, and took a pride in supporting his team in obscure friendly matches at places like Minehead.

He refused to renew his season ticket in the summer and though, as a vocal figure in the anti-Milton Keynes protest movement, one appreciates he has an axe to grind, his basic loyalty cannot be questioned.

He forced himself to attend Luton's first away game of the season, at The Hawthorns, but recalls: "It was too painful. Luton has been a part of my life for so many years and I found myself looking at the players and thinking about all the good times I have had with the club, even when they were in the Fourth Division."

Consequently Mr Hunt limits himself to watching occasional semi-professional games. Other Saturday afternoons are spent watching park football and listening to Luton's progress on a pocket radio.

"There is an amazing feeling of frustration and anger," he says. "It's rather like having someone trying to break into your home. Even if they don't succeed the hurt and the bitterness stays with you."

Luton's gates are down by an average of more than 2,000, and Mr Hunt, an executive at Electrolux in the town believes that atendances "will plummet out of sight" if the decision to move is taken.

Of course there are human stories to be told on the other side of the great divide, where club officials have been subjected to all manner of personal abuse.

Denis Mortimer, whose car was vandalised, became so dispirited by the constant villification that he resigned as chairman. David Evans, his successor, is a shrewed figure who deserved credit for widening the public debate about the principles of the move.

He outlined that the club, losing £6,000 per week, spent £250,000 investigating 14 alternative sites in the Luton area after learning that a road scheme by Bedfordshire County Council would lead to the loss of car parking space and sponsor's accommodation at the ground.

£1·3 million project

The Council originally offered £600,000 compensation, but after public criticism are now ready to fund a £1·3 million project to replace anything the club loses as a result of their work.

Mr Evans, whose reconstituted board has given David Pleat £500,000 to strengthen the team, makes great play of insisting: "I am a fan and I understand their feelings."

He professes the hope that a way can be found for the club to stay in Luton. But his consortium, which also includes Laings, the builders, and Sunley, the development group who rescued Charlton, are at a crucial stage in their negotiation with the Milton Keynes Development Corporation.

Security surrounding the identity of the competing consortium is tight — Robert Maxwell has been mentioned in speculation —but I understand that Mowlem, the builders, are preparing a package.

A final decision is almost certain to be taken at the Feb. 1 meeting of the Corporation's board, and Bob Hill, their commercial director, admitted last night: "Both schemes include a *plan* for a football club.

"We are still trying to get to first base and no private deals have been done. I don't think the prospect of a football club being involved should overwhelm the issue."

Mr Hill — incidentally a West Bromwich Albion supporter — believes a multi-purpose stadium, offering the best facilities available in Europe, will bring prestige. He envisages any football club beginning business in the 1988 season.

Call for inquiry

But local opposition to the thought of importing soccer's social problems is growing. Councillors on the Milton Keynes Borough Council, who do not have the political clout of the Government-backed Corporation, ignored party ties to vote 60-0 against the principle of allowing a Football League club into the town.

Shopkeepers aware of the vulnerable acreage of grass in the city centre, are prepared to back calls for a public inquiry.

Given that Milton Keynes Southern League club recently went bankrupt there are justifiable doubts about the area's ability to support a professional club. Many Luton fans have said they will watch Watford or the North London giants rather than transfer their affections northwards.

Throughout it all, Mr Pleat, a manager of integrity and intelligence, must mould a team capable of First Division survival. No wonder his New Year message stressed the advantages of unity.

"One of my wishes is to see the feeling for the club return," he said. "I still have my dream of going to the ground an hour before kick-off and seeing the streets choked with fans . . ."

Giammalva shock for Wilander

By JOHN PARSONS

INSPIRATION, as Mats Wilander was abruptly reminded yesterday, is not always available on command, especially when a Davis Cup triumph remains fresh in the mind and the next major target is the Grand Prix Masters starting in Madison Square Garden on Tuesday.

That, as even his naturally exhilarated conqueror, Sammy Giammalva stressed, helps to put into perspective the 7-6, 6-3 upset which the formidable leader of the young Swedish players suffered in the Belgian-American Young Masters at Birmingham.

Wilander, the World No. 4, was not the only young man who found himself able to book an earlier-than-expected flight to New York.

Aaron Krickstein, 17, seldom happy on such a fast surface, was overwhelmed by a feast of aces and whirlwind hitting from West Germany's richly talented Boris Becker.

Loss of serve

Yet it was naturally the handsome success by Giammalva, 21, the Texan who rose swiftly to 30th in the world rankings three years ago but briefly slipped in the 300s before beginning the revival which has lifted him to 46th, that created most impact.

At no time did Wilander have any "feel" in his normally redoubtable backhand. He survived an early loss of serve in the first set and held a set point at 6-5 but Giammalva, who hit many superb cross-court winners, played a masterly tie break which he won 7-2.

The second set hinged on the seventh game when Wilander who, it is worth remembering, had won only one of his 16 major titles indoors, had a break-back chance but Giammalvo, also putting away many sharply-angled but controlled volleys, held for 5-2 on his sixth game point.

Wilander had obviously hoped for extra match practice before next week but he hardly leaves empty handed. With the guarantee of £41,667, as top seed his payout is just over £44,000. It seems hardly fair that Giammalva can collect only £15,000 if he wins the tournament.

Becker, the youngest of the four 17-year-olds, allowed Krickstein just three points off his serve. He hit 13 aces including three in succession to finish an 18-minute second set.

Enviable prospects

His performance, like that of Yugoslavia's Bruno Oresar, 17, who won the first set from second seeded Sundstrom and led 3-1 in the third by which time a knee problem was frustrating this fleet-footed competitor, made British enthusiasts doubly envious of such exciting prospects elsewhere in Europe.

2nd Round: K. Novacek (Czech) bt J. Bardou (Spain) 7-6, 6-4; J. Nystrom (Sweden) bt M. Westphal (W. Germany) 6-4, 6-3; S. Edberg (Sweden) bt J. Brown (U.S.) 6-4, 6-3; S. Giammalva (U.S.) bt M. Wilander (Sweden) 7-6, 6-3; B. Becker (W. Germany) bt A. Krickstein (U.S.) 6-3, 6-1; H. Sundstrom (Sweden) bt B. Oresar (Yugoslavia) 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

AWKWARD TEST FOR TOP SEEDS

By A Special Correspondent

STEPHEN HERON and Chris Peet, two late developers who have recently come under the eye of Paul Hutchins, the British team manager, yesterday arrived in the semi-finals of the Prudential Junior Covered Court Championships at Telford.

Heron, who now meets top seed Richard Whichello, won 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 against the useful David Ison, while Peet, whose semi-final opponent is second seed Jason Goodall, had a 6-1, 7-5 win over Chehire's Austen Brice.

Over the winter, Heron and Peet, along with a handful of others at the same stage, have had seven weeks of intensive practice at Bisham Abbey.

Hutchins has been pleased with their work-rate and feels they will have a good effect on L T A-sponsored youngsters who have become complacent.

Whichello hiccup

Whichello and Goodall did not have things all their own way yesterday. Whichello had a spell in the second set when his *forehand* went badly awry, but he kept his temper and, after surviving a couple of long and testing games in the decider, dominated the rest of the *match*.

Goodall stepped up a gear when he found himself involved in a tie-break with Laurence Matthews, 16, of Hampshire. He won it 7-1 and played impressively unhibited tennis in taking the second set 6-2.

After living dangerously all week, Lincolnshire's Alison Grant finally lost 5-7, 5-7, to Lancashire's Amanda Grunfeld. Miss Grunfeld now plays second seed Jane Wood who won 7-6, 7-5 against Yorkshire's Jackie Holden, the eighth seed.

The other girls semi-final features two unseeded but greatly improved players in Berkshire's Ruth Charlton and Kent's Jenny Reeves.

BOYS SINGLES. — Quarter-finals: R. Whichello (Kent) bt D. Sapsford (Surrey) 6-0, 5-7, 6-1; S. Heron (Yorks) bt D. Ison (Leics) 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; C. Peet (Lancs) bt A. Brice (Cheshire) 6-1, 7-5; J. Goodall (Yorks) bt L. Matthews (Hants) 7-6, 6-2.

GIRLS SINGLES.—Quarter-finals: A. Grunfeld (Lancs) bt A. Grant (Lincoln) 7-5, 7-5; R. Charlton (Berks) bt D. Schoenerman (Middx) 7-6, 1-6, 6-3; J. Reeves (Kent) bt L. Gould (Essex) 6-4, 6-2; J. Wood (Middx) bt J. Holden (Yorks) 7-6, 7-5.

World Doubles

SWEDES BACK IN THE HUNT

By BILL EDWARDS

ANDERS JARRYD and Hans Simonsson avenged last year's final defeat with a 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 7-5 win over Tomas Smid and Pavel Slozil in the Fuji Film World Doubles Championship yesterday.

Victory brought them back into a strong challenging position in the round robin section after losing 3-6, 6-3, 1-6, 7-5, 7-6 to Heinz Gunthardt and Balazs Taroczy in an opening match that started on Wednesday and finished the early hours of yesterday.

By the time Jarryd and Simonsson, yet another great Swedish combination, had beaten Smid and Slozil, they had completed six hours and 15 minutes of tennis within 20 hours at the Royal Albert Hall.

Their remaining match is against Wojtek Fibak and Sandy Mayer this morning.

Fibak and Mayer, who came together as a partnership in the past year remained the only unbeaten pair in the Red Group when they beat Heinz Gunthardt and Balazs Taroczy 6-3, 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 last night.

Long tussle

This, like other matches in the day, developed into a long tussle with Fibak and Mayer having the edge after nearly throwing away the fourth set in which they had led 5-3. Fibak dropped his service to be caught at 5-5 and they eventually won on a 10-point tie break.

The defeat of Smid and Slozil looks as though the defending champions are now out of the running. Only a remarkable transformation can save them and Smid must be feeling that his recent elevation to world No. 1 in doubles is a bad omen.

Kevin Curran and Steve Denton, in the opposite group to the Swedes, have also been involved in marathons. They marked up their second win in accounting for Ken Flack and Robert Seguso 4-6, 6-4, 7-6, 7-5.

Busy schedule

This match lasted two hours 42 minutes, bringing them to five hours 20 minutes of tennis inside 20 hours.

Afterwards Denton was full of praise for the little-known young Americans, saying "they could be a great force in doubles." Certainly they kept Curran and Denton, who rely mainly on power, on their toes.

Green Group: K. Curren (S.A.) and S. Denton (U.S.) bt P. Fleming and F. Buehning (U.S.) 6-7, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4; Curran and Denton bt K. Flach and R. Seguso (U.S.) 4-6, 6-4, 7-6, 7-5.

Red Group: B. Taroczy (Hun) and H. Gunthardt (Switz) bt A. Jarryd and H. Simonsson (Swe) 3-6, 6-3, 1-6, 7-5, 7-6; Jarryd and Simonsson bt P. Slozil and T. Smid (Czech) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 7-5.

£1,132,400 CHALLENGE OF CHAMPIONS (Las Vegas).—Round Robin: J. Connors bt J. Arias 6-0, 7-5; J. McEnroe bt J. Kriek 5-7, 6-4, 6-3; V. Gerulaitis bt Guillermo Vilas (Argentina) 6-4, 6-7, 6-3.

VIRGINIA SLIMS £87,000 WOMEN'S GINNY CH'SHIP (Sandpiper). — 1st Rnd: A. Leand bt P. Teeguarden 6-1, 6-3; Y. Vermaak (SA) bt B. Herr 6-4, 6-3; D. Spence bt M. Pistek 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; T. Holladay bt M. Washington 6-7, 6-3, 6-2.

WILLIAMSON SWAN SONG

Cheltenham ... 10 R A F ... 4

Colin Williamson, a New Zealander adding to his rugby education in England, inspired Cheltenham's hard-earned win over the Royal Air Force on a freezing pitch last night.

Williamson, who has played for Canterbury, landed three penalty goals—one from 45 yards —and submerged the R A F's revival with an 85-yard interception try which he also converted.

In gathering 15 points, Williamson reached 112 in his 12th game for Cheltenham. To the club's regret, he is returning to New Zealand at the end of March.

The R A F, fielding a seasoned and sturdier pack, promised far more than they achieved, though Huxtable's consistently menacing running deservedly yielded a try in support of Aspinall's burst after an hour.

Wayward passing

Wayward passing devalued the R A F's knack of creating overlaps and Cheltenham's forthright tackling, featuring Boyle and Withecombe, also contributed to their rare achievement, in recent times, of completing four successive wins.

Cheltenham withstood the disruption of replacing Torkoniak with Parker after 66 minutes and a try by Doulton, owing much to Everall's assistance, secured victory by a goal, a try and three penalty goals to a try.

Cheltenham.—P. Boyle; D. McGrath, A. White, P. Keenan, M. Withecombe; C. Williamson, J. Little; A. Torkoniak, S. Everall, P. Brown, P. Geeny, N. Smart, S. Masters, L. Stanton, M. Doulton.

R.A.F.—P. Aherne; Rick Allison, I. Goslin, R. Huxtable, M. Aspinall; M. Evans, M. Sibley; J. Peters, Roger Allison, S. Turner, D. Burn, J. Walker, R. Lamb, D. Glen, G. Still.

Referee: V. Hosking (Devon).

FOOTBALL RESULTS

CENTRAL LGE.—Div. 1: Stoke 0, Sheffield Wed. 1.

F A YOUTH CUP.—3rd Rd: Leicester 0, Huddersfield 1.

SCHOOLS. — Gillette Trophy. — 5th Rd: Preston 2, Salford 2.

U-19 County Ch'ship.—Essex 3, Suffolk 0.

RUGBY UNION. — Cheltenham 10, RAF 4. Schools: E. Counties 0, Kent 23 (Grays).

Boxing

HOLMES' LAST BOUT

Larry Holmes, the International Boxing Federation heavyweight champion, intends to fight once more — against David Bey, an undefeated fellow-American, in Las Vegas on March 15 — and then retire. Holmes, 36, has won all 46 of his professional fights.

Swimming

Welsh squad for Lisbon has family look

By PAT BESFORD

WALES have a family look about their 21-strong Esso-sponsored squad taking part in the Youth International meeting in Lisbon from Feb. 8-10.

Ian Rosser from Torfaen, a senior backstroke representative and Welsh record holder, has been chosen along with his sister Sharron, 13, a newcomer to the squad.

Nottingham butterflying sisters Amanda and Rachel Griffiths, 14 and 13, are also new to the team along with Nicola Gwynne from Cardiff who follows in the footsteps of her brother and sister, Steven and Helen, former Esso squad mambers.

England are taking 10 of their full Esso group of 42 to Portugal while a more experienced party of six open the youth season with a trip to the 19th Geneva International Championships from Jan. 25-27.

ENGLAND. — 19th International Championships (Geneva, Jan. 25-27). —Boys: S. Ferriday (Leeds), R. Leishman (Kirklees). Girls: K. Edbrooke (Guildford), J. Illingworth (Leeds), M. O'Fee (Wigan), J. Wood (Nova, Nottingham).

Youth International, Lisbon (Feb. 8-10). Boys: M. Foster, M. McHaffie (Millfield), I. Panting (Brixham), G. Robins (Portsmouth Northsea). Girls: K. Chappell (Barnsley), L. Dodds, A. Longley (Stockton), J. Manning (Gloucester), H. Manfield (Chester), H. Slatter (Norwich).

WALES (Lisbon). — Boys: R. Beacham (Bedworth), I. Bray (Cardiff), A. Jones (Torfaen), W. Jones (Swansea), N. Leigh (Cardiff), S. Nettleton (Swansea Valley), R. Norgrove, I. Rosser (Torfaen), G. Waters (Amman). Girls: K. Craven (Cardiff), N. Cumbers (Pontypool), A. Davies (Amman), H. George (Torfaen), A. Griffiths, R. Griffiths (Nottingham), N. Gwynne (Cardiff), A. Jones (Bangor), N. Jones (Torfaen), S. Lewis (Orpington), A. Powell (Cardiff), S. Rosser (Torfaen).

Snooker

DAVIS MEETS HIGGINS AGAIN

By JANICE HALE

Steve Davis, who has never lost a match at the Spectrum Arena, Warrington, attempts to preserve this record against Alex Higgins tonight as they dispute a place in the quarter-finals of the Mercantile Credit Classic.

The event replaces, both in terms of its position in the calendar and the venue, the Lada Classic, which Davis won last year and the year before.

Davis and arch-rival Higgins meet at a comparatively early stage of the competition because, under the new World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association Tournament regulations, seeds 9-16 are drawn at random against seeds 1-8. The world rankings make Davis the top seed and Higgins the ninth.

Higgins partnered Jimmy White to a 9-6 semi-final victory over Davis and Tony Meo in the Hofmeister World Doubles Championship just before Christmas but in individual tournaments has beaten Davies only twice in 14 attempts.

Burton plan bitter day for Leicester

By ROLAND ORTON

BEST bitter, Burton-on-Trent's major claim to fame, will be flowing in large quantities if the Staffordshire town's other attraction can achieve a remarkable F A Cup upset tomorrow.

Burton Albion, from the Northern Premier League, have been rewarded for reaching the third round for the first time in 29 years with an intriguing tie against First Division Leicester at the Baseball Ground, Derby.

Purely financial considerations are behind the sacrifice of home advantage at Burton's compact Eton Park premises for neutral territory, with the promise of an estimated 25,000 crowd to witness this latest attempt by a footballing David to embarrass loftier bretheren.

Not that Burton are slouches by any stretch of the imagination. Involved in the N P L championship stakes, they saw off Aldershot away from home in the second round, after a run which began in September with a 4-0 win over the less daunting opposition of Wootton Blue Cross. Since then, Stevenage, Willenhall, Wycombe, Staines and Aldershot have all fallen.

Supporters' whip-round

Attracting support at their own level has not been difficult. Burton's gates are averaging a respectable 1,000, and at least 10 times that number are expected to make the short trip to Derby to encourage this part-time team, which includes a solicitor and working miner.

Supporters organised a whip-round to pay for th eteam's overnight stay before the Aldershot tie, and manager Neil Warnock wants the locals to enjoy the occasion.

Burton's trump card, Striker Stewart Mell, was released by Halifax in the summer. He has scored 23 goals so far this season, including a crucial effort at Aldershot. A striker who relies on exceptional speed off the mark, Mell has the sort of attributes to test Leicester's none-too-solid rearguard.

Warnock said: "It's the biggest day in our history. We have a £40,000 overdraft, and the decision to move the tie to Derby was made with that in mind. A 25,000 gate could wipe out our debts and set us up for the future."

Appropriately, the final touching link in the tale concerns the Ind Coope brewery. The local concern sponsors both Burton and Leicester. The Ind Coope motif will be worn across Leicester's shirts, while Burton's special new strip will bear the logo "Ind Coope Burton."

Apparently, the firm has put up a gigantic barrel of beer for the winners, and hundreds of employees will be there — as will the Burton Brass Band. It promises to be quite a day.

Gola League

NEW PHASE AS FRY GOES

The resignation of Barry Fry as Barnet's manager to take over at Maidstone marks a new phase in Barnet's long history.

The future of Barnet, who celebrate their centenary in 1988, may well be assured when a group of businessmen meet the directors early next week at Underhill, the quaint ground, which nestles at the foot of Barnet Hill.

Mr Fry, who brought the club nearer solvency running team and club affairs for six hard seasons, leaves the club with the overdraft standing at a relatively respectable £12,000. It was he who set up the meeting which should complete Barnet's final recuperation.

Mr Fry takes over at Maidstone tomorrow hoping to extend Worcester's losing Gola League run to nine matches.

Brian Kidd, the Barrow manager, has still been unable to make his playing debut, but having on Wednesday received his release documents from Fort Lauderdale, his former American club, he now awaits F A registration. He hopes to take the field at Northwich Victoria and end Barrow's sequence of five games without a goal.

Telford meet Bradford City, the Third Division leaders, at home in the third round of the F A Cup tomorrow, the day when Stan Storton, their manager, celebrates his 46th birthday.

Telford, having already knocked out Lincoln and Preston, can be reasonably confident — more so than Ken Knighton's Dagenham, who make the trip to Carlisle.

WILSON ON MOVE

Ipswich Town last night signed Kevin Wilson, the Derby County striker, for about £150,000. Wilson, 23, is not eligible for Ipswich's F A Cup third round tie at Bristol Rovers tomorrow.

Basketball

Vikings taken over by Manchester United

By RICHARD TAYLOR

MANCHESTER UNITED have bought Warrington Vikings, a leading basketball team, for £150,000 in a move which heralds huge long-term potential for the sport but jeopardises the future of the resident Manchester club, Cottrills Giants.

The Giants, founder members of the National League in 1972, are appealing against the Association's permitting the Vikings to play the rest of the season at Stretford Leisure Centre, five miles from their own court at Altrincham.

Giants' appeal will be heard by the National Executive on Jan. 19 but they have little chance of success as the Association must hope that other soccer clubs will follow United's lead.

In view of this Giants have issued writs against the Association, Vikings and Manchester United and have called a meeting of Division One clubs for next week.

An Association rule states that two clubs cannot play at venues within five miles of each other. The arenas concerned are 5·2 miles apart but Mr John Dabrowski, Giants' promoter, says he has issued the writs because of contravention of "the spirit of the rule."

Martin Edwards, United's chairman, said that Vikings had been in serious financial trouble but added: "Basketball is a viable sport and leading Continental soccer clubs like Real Madrid and Barcelona also have major basketball teams."

NAT. LGE.—Div. 1: Kingcraft Kingston 115, Bracknell Pirates 97.

Southern League

GRAVESEND WOE EASED

By NEIL SCOTT

FEARS that Gravesend would fold at the end of this month due to a financial crisis have eased following a meeting with local councillors.

Officials of the Southern League club warned before Christmas of closure within six weeks unless 6,000 was raised, but yesterday Daryl Lucas, the club secretary, was optimistic about chances of survival.

After discussing the club's plight with members of the Borough Council, Mr Lucas said: "They showed interest in helping us and will be coming back with some positive proposals."

Gravesend, who have raised £2,000 so far and were hoping for a £4,000 donation from the Council, may be offered a combination of a cash grant and a low-interest loan.

CYCLING

COLOGNE SIX-DAY RACE. — Result: D. Thurau (WG) & D. Clark (Australia) 232pts.

Badminton

Ciniglio appeals for money

CIRO CINIGLIO has appealed for his successor as England's badminton team manager to be given greater cash backing.

Ciniglio, who is giving up the post in March, believes cash is the main obstacle as England attempts to overtake China and Indonesia and become the world's No. 1 badminton nation.

'Play in Far East'

"I have had to go out with the begging bowl on behalf of English badminton and I would like to know my replacement will not suffer the same problems," said Ciniglio, 51, who is moving to the International Badminton Federation as marketing manager.

Ciniglio had a training budget of £5,000 for the Thomas and Uber Cups, while Malaysia spent £150,000 on their squad. Yet he established England as the world No. 2 nation in women's badminton, and as No. 3 in men's.

"Unless we raise and spend more cash sending our players to play in the heat of the Far East we will go backwards," Ciniglio said. "We must get the money from sponsorship, promoting more profitable events in England, and undertaking more tours around the country."

Ciniglio, a member of the six-man committee formed by the Badminton Association of England to appoint a new manager, rejected management offers from a European and a Far Eastern nation before deciding to accept the I B F position.

BOWLS

PRUDENTIAL NAT. FOURS. — 4th Rnd: P. McCall (Bristol) 27, M. Winley (Westlecot) 12—J. Wines (Ilminster) 15, J. Lee (Yeovil) 21—J. Wiseman (Ilminster) 19, S. Sleeman (Victoria, Weston) 20—D. Jones (Dartford Stone Lodge) 11, R. Riley (Greenwich) 35—A. Lynch (Temple) 24, K. Tucker (Dartford Stone Lodge) 13—T. Fitzgerald (Lewisham) 15, J. Gick (Dartford Stone Lodge) 16—M. Hopped (Cyphers) 25, A. Thomson (Cyphers) 14—W. Jarvis (Old Coulsdon) 24, L. Huggins (Cyphers) 19—C. Marsham (Cyphers) 20, P. Vamvacopoulos (Croydon) 19—J. Bull (C. Palace) 23, C. Southon (Croydon) 19—G. Kitts (Croydon) 30, R. Hopgell (Crystal Palace) 13—J. Cripps (Arun) 19, W. Sole (Arun) 10—T. Jamieson (Victory) 13, F. Parker (Grattons) 26.

Bowls

TOUGH FOR SMITH

Nigel Smith, who last year emerged as Britain's leading young bowls star, meets Scotland's Commonwealth Games gold medallist Willie Wood in the first round of the Best of Three event at Darlington from Jan. 14-17.

ELY FESTIVAL. — Open pairs quarter-finals: D. King & J. Campion 173, J. & R. Barker 131—G. Harlow & D. Evans 128, G. Skinner & M. Whitta 107.

INDOOR RESULTS: Wiltshire 122, English Indoor Bowling Assoc 103—Westlecot (Swindon) 130, EIBA 121.

OTHER SPORT TODAY

BADMINTON. — Sussex Ch'ships (Littlehampton S & BC); Yorks Ch'ships (Railway Inst, York).

GOLF.—President's Putter (Rye).

LAWN TENNIS. — Fuji World Doubles Ch'ship (R. Albert Hall, London); Prudential Covered Court Ch'ship of Gt Britain (Telford); Young Masters' T'ment (Birmingham).

RACKETS.—Clifton Boosters Week-end.

REAL TENNIS. — Eric Angus Cup Under-24 Open Singles (Queen's Club, London).

SNOOKER.—Mercantile Credit Classic (Spectrum Arena, Warrington).

SQUASH RACKETS.—Home Internationals (Belfast); NatWest Bk British Under-19 Open. Drysdale Cup (Cannons Sporting Club, Cannon St, London); British Under-16/14 Open (Kegworth SC, Derby).

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TELEVISION—FRIDAY

GUIDE BY RONALD HASTINGS

BBC-1

6.30 a.m. Breakfast Time, with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. 9 Charlie Brown, rpt. 9.25 The Perils of Penelope Pitstop, rpt. 9.45 Why Don't You . . .? 10.10 Peter Pan, reading, rpt. 10.25 Paddington, rpt. 10.30 Play School, rpt. 10.50 The Pink Panther Show, rpt. 11.5 Daffy Duck. 11.15 Bonanza: Silence at Stillwater, rpt. 12.5 Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 12.30 News, Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London and South East only: Financial Report and News). 1 Pebble Mill at One: In Bavaria, from the ski resort of Garmisch-Partenkirchen in the Alps. 1.50 Chock-a-Block, rpt. 2.5 Tennis: the under-21 tournament from Birmingham. There are now two tennis tournaments running concurrently on British TV, in deep mid-winter! 3.48 (not London) Regional News. 3.50 Play School. 4.10 The Hunter. 4.15 William, at Christmas, read by Martin Jarvis. 4.25 Finders Keepers: Richard Stilgoe back with another series of the inter-schools quiz. 4.50 Newsround Extra: John Craven in French Guiana at Kourou, space city in the heart of the jungle. 5.5 The Machine Gunners, starting a repeat of the six-part serial. 5.30 Friday People: opening a new series of the show business magazine, here with Joan Collins and Richard Attenborough. 5.58 Weather.

6 00 NEWS.

6 30 REGIONAL MAGAZINES.

6 55 TOM AND JERRY—Professor Tom.

7 05 MATCH OF THE DAY LIVE—FA Cup Third Round, Leeds Utd. v Everton.

9 00 NEWS, WEATHER.

9 25 WYNNE AND PENKOVSKY—Third and last episode in the true-life spy story. The KGB is now after both of them. Penkovsky helps Wynne to escape, but leaves himself in danger. Wynne puts together a plan to get him out and goes back. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

10 20 STARSKY AND HUTCH—The Plague, part two. Repeat. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

11 10 TENNIS—From the Young Masters tournament at Birmingham.

11 55 *"INDISCREET" (1958)—Fluffy romantic goings-on among the very rich, well set in London, sophisticated and amusing, but heavily dependent on the stars. Cary Grant as an American diplomat and Ingrid Bergman as an actress. 1.30 Weather.

BBC-2

1.55 p.m. "Swing Your Partners" (1918, b/w): short Harold Lloyd comedy. 2.5 Holiday Time. 2.50 "Son of Paleface" (1952): Bob Hope and Jane Russell trying a sequel to "The Paleface" of four years earlier, and better than most such attempts though still too slapstick. Hope as a city dude out west to claim an inheritance for his famous father. Roy Rogers is here too. 4.20 Tennis: the under-21 tournament from Birmingham, second of today's three visits. 5 The Royal Institution's Christmas Lectures: The Message of the Genes. Dr. Walter Bodmer with the fourth, Bodies and Anti-bodies.

6 00 THE INVADERS—Panic. A contagious alien is causing an epidemic of freezing deaths. The star has to go from this repetitive serial in which no one ever behaves rationally.

6 50 SING COUNTRY—New Year Special. David Allan introduces Jim and Jesse, The Osmonds and Slim Whitman, among many others.

7 35 GARDENERS' WORLD—Starting a new series, and back at Barnsdale with Geoff Hamilton, Clay Jones and John Kelly, who makes a peat garden.

8 00 THE LAMBETH BOYS—People Want to Know Who We Are. They talk about sex, stealing, race problems, truancy and how a good job would solve most of all these.

9 00 "GAMBIT" (1966)—Shirley MacLaine again, now as a Eurasian girl who teams up with a Cockney thief (Michael Caine) to rob a millionaire of a valuable statue. The style swings dizzily around from pure caper to comedy to spoof, but much of it is fun, if you like these two stars. With Herbert Lom.

10 45 MALC UP-MARKET: Birmingham comedian Malcolm Stent, in Solihull. First shown on BBC Midlands.

11 15-12.50 "THE CURSE OF THE WEREWOLF" (1961)—The creature is the product of a deaf-mute servant girl and a hideous beggar. Set in Spain with Oliver Reed growing up into his make-up. Sometimes described as one of the better Hammer Horrors, sometimes not. With Clifford Evans.

ITV Thames/LWT

6.15 a.m. Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines, followed by Sesame Street. 10.25 Cartoon Time. 10.35 "Run, Rebecca, Run!" (1981): Australian adventure film about a girl (Simone Buchanan) who is swept on to a tiny island by a tidal river and is held captive by a South American refugee. 12 Emma and Grandpa: January, rpt. 12.10 Rainbow (Oracle sub-titles). 12.30 What Worries Me . . . Kay Avila with a new series on how the world is going down, or just going by. 1 News. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 The Six Million Dollar Man: Wine, Women and War. Full-length story with Lee Majors back as bionic man, now in the Bahamas. 3 Gems, episode three. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4 Rainbow, rpt. (Oracle sub-titles.) 4.20 Cartoon Time, rpt. 4.25 How Dare You! Return for a new series of the mad game show between teams of youngsters. (Oracle sub-titles.) 4.50 Freetime: start of another new series. 5.15 Blockbusters.

5 45 NEWS.

6 00 THE 6 O'CLOCK SHOW—Michael Aspel and his team back with the pick of the year, last year presumably.

7 00 *"SUPERMAN II" (1980)—For once a sequel universally regarded as better than the original. Christopher Reeve again with a comic-strip adventure about aliens threatening Earth with a space bomb, but good special effects and much juvenile fun with a good story. For your eyes only, no brain needed. Co-starring Gene Hackman and Margot Kidder. (Oracle sub-titles.)

9 15 BLOOPERS—Dick Clark with a compilation of those accidents and mistakes which are taken out of American films and TV shows.

10 00 NEWS AT TEN; followed by London News Headlines.

10 30 THE LONDON PROGRAMME—The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. The campaign was launched 16 months ago and now over 1,000 such schemes are operating in and around London. But have they discouraged burglars? In some areas, yes; in others, no.

11 00 SNOOKER—From Warrington.

12 15 JOURNEY TO THE UNKNOWN — Poor Butterfly. Repeat with Chad Everett and Edward Fox.

1 10 NIGHT THOUGHTS—With Paul Boateng.

Channel 4

2 p.m. Snooker, from Warrington. 3.30 Tennis, World Doubles Championship from the Royal Albert Hall. 5.30 The Tube: a travelogue edition, including Echo and the Bunnymen.

7 00 CHANNEL FOUR NEWS and WEATHER.

7 30 THE OPTIMIST—The Fool of the House of Esher. Clever title for when he inherits a crumbling and sinister country estate, together with crumbling butler and a girl out to murder him. With Enn Reitel.

8 00 DON'T SAY GOODBYE MISS RAGTIME—Documentary celebration of the American music which prevailed from 1895 to about 1915 by which time the superior jazz had taken over. Non-stop syncopation set on and around a Mississippi river boat.

9 00 A WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE—Third and final part: WW1 is over, one husband has died, one wife in childbirth. Emma falls for Australian officer Paul. He disappears, along comes Arthur. Meanwhile the Harte empire grows.

10 55 BREAKING THROUGH — Repeat of the comedy-documentary on London's East End, its poets and people, conducted by Alan Gilbey.

11 50-1.20 "CRY WOLF" (1947, b/w)—Old dark house mystery in which someone is trying to murder Barbara Stanwyck, and it looks as if it may well be Errol Flynn. What are the family secrets? Rather static, run of the mill thriller, with Geraldine Brooks and Richard Basehart.

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ITV REGIONS

TVS

6 15 Good Morning.
9 28 Sesame Street.
10 25 Cartoon Time.
10 35 "Run Rebecca, Run!"—1981 Australian adventure film.
12 00 Emma & Grandpa, rpt.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 Never Mind the Handicap—new series on the needs and hopes of the handicapped.
1 00 News; TVS News.
1 30 "The Six Million Dollar Man"—1974 film: Lee Majors.
3 00 Gems.
3 25 TVS News; The Young Doctors.
4 00 Rainbow.
4 20 Cartoon Time.
4 25 How Dare You! New game show series.
4 50 Freetime.
5 15 Blockbusters.
5 45 News.
6 00 Coast to Coast.
6 30 Vintage Quiz: New series with Faith Brown and Pete Murray.
7 00 "Superman II"—1980 film with Christopher Reeve.
9 15 Bloopers: TV howlers.
10 00 News; TVS News.
10 30 Snooker.
12 15 Company.

Anglia

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Sesame Street.
10 25 "Run Rebecca, Run!"—1981 Australian adventure film.
12 00 Emma & Grandpa, rpt.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 Never Mind the Handicap—new series on the needs and hopes of the handicapped.
1 00 News; Anglia News.
1 30 Hart to Hart.
2 30 Three Little Words.
3 00 Gems.
3 25 Anglia News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Rainbow.
4 20 Cartoon Time.
4 25 How Dare You! New game show series.
4 50 Freetime.
5 15 Blockbusters.
5 45 News.
6 00 About Anglia.
7 00 "Superman II"—1980 film with Christopher Reeve.
9 15 Bloopers: TV howlers.
10 00 News; Anglia News.
10 30 Cross Question — Ray Buckton of ASLEF (train drivers' union), Conservative M.P. John Carlisle and Fiona Beckett for the S.D.P.
11 00 Snooker.
12 15 "Gargoyles"—1972 TV horror movie: Cornel Wilde, Jennifer Salt.
1 40 Eavesdropping.

Central

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Day of the Bear Cub.
9 50 Owl and the Pussycat.
10 00 Falcon Island.
10 25 Cartoon Time.
10 35 "Run Rebecca, Run!"—1981 Australian adventure film.
12 00 Emma & Grandpa, rpt.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 Never Mind the Handicap—new series on the needs and hopes of the handicapped people.
1 00 News; Central News.
1 30 "Gorgo"—1960 amiable monster film: Bill Travers.
3 00 Gems.
3 25 News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Rainbow.
4 20 Cartoon Time.
4 25 How Dare You! New game show series.
4 50 Freetime.
5 15 Blockbusters.
5 45 News.
6 00 Central News.
7 00 "Superman II"—1980 film with Christopher Reeve.
9 15 Bloopers: TV howlers.
10 00 News; Central News.
10 30-12.15 Snooker.

Yorkshire

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Weather; Sesame St.
10 25 Cartoon Time.
10 35 "Run Rebecca, Run!"—1981 Australian adventure film.
12 00 Emma & Grandpa.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 Never Mind the Handicap—new series on the needs and hopes of the handicapped.
1 00 News; Calendar News.
1 30 "Big Rose"—1974 TV movie. Adventures of a middle-aged lady private-eye: Shelley Winters.
3 00 Gems.
3 25 News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Rainbow.
4 20 Cartoon Time.
4 25 How Dare You! New game show series.
4 50 Freetime.
5 15 Blockbusters.
5 45 News.
6 00 Calendar.
6 30 Diff'rent Strokes.
7 00 "Superman II"—1980 film with Christopher Reeve.
9 15 Bloopers: TV howlers.
10 00 News.
10 30 Snooker.
12 15 12.45 Rock of the Seventies: Brian Auger — Oblivion Express.

HTV

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Sesame Street.
10 25 Cartoon Time.
10 35 "Run Rebecca, Run!—1981 Australian adventure film.
12 00 Emma & Grandpa, rpt.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 Never Mind the Handicap—new series on the needs and hopes of handicapped people.
1 00 News; HTV News.
1 30 "Anne of the Indies"—1951 swashbuckler: Jean Peters, Louis Jourdan.
3 00 Gems; HTV News.
3 30 Sons & Daughters.
4 00 Rainbow.
4 20 Cartoon Time.
4 25 How Dare You! New game show series.
4 50 Freetime.
5 15 Blockbusters.
5 45 News.
6 00 HTV News.
6 30 Source of Inspiration—Clive Gunnell talks to a group of artists.
7 00 "Superman II"—1980 film with Christopher Reeve.
9 15 Bloopers: TV howlers.
10 00 News; HTV News.
10 30 Snooker.
12 15 Weather.

HTV Wales: 6 p.m.-7 Wales at Six.

TSW

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Sesame Street.
10 25 Cartoon Time.
10 35 "Run Rebecca, Run!—1981 Australian adventure film.
12 00 Emma & Grandpa, rpt.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 Never Mind the Handicap—new series on handicapped people.
1 00 News; Local News.
1 30 "Big Rose"—1974 TV movie about the adventures of a middle-aged lady private-eye: Shelley Winters.
3 00 Gems.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Rainbow.
4 20 Cartoon Time.
4 25 How Dare You! New game show quiz.
4 50 Freetime.
5 15 The Making of Supergran.
5 45 News.
6 00 Today South West.
6 30 What's Ahead.
7 00 "Superman II"—1980 film with Christopher Reeve.
9 15 Bloopers: TV howlers.
10 00 News; Local News.
10 34 Snooker.
12 15 Postscript.
12 20 Weather; Shipping.

Channel

9 25 The Little House on the Prairie.
10 25-6 As TSW.
6 00 Channel Report; Sport.
6 30 Crossroads.
6 55 What's On Where.
7 00-12.15 As TSW.
12 15 News and Weather in French; Weather.

WELSH CHANNEL 4

1.45 5 Lon Goch. 2 Snooker. 3.30 Tennis: The WCT 1985 World Doubles Championships. 4.45 Hanner Awr Fwy. 5.30 The Tube. 7 Newyddion. 7.30 Arolwg Arbennig. 8.15 Pobol Y Cwm. 8.45 Byd Arall: Gonga Shan. 9.45 A Woman of Substance. 11.40-12.50 G.I. Brides: documentary film tells the continuing story of the 70,000 British war brides who sailed to the U.S.A.

BBC WALES

5.35 p.m.-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-7.5 Grange Hill.

RADIO

FOUR

5 55 on l/w Shipping.
6 00 News Briefing.
6 10 Farming Today.
6 25 Prayer for the Day.
6 30 Today.
8 43 "Far Away and Long Ago": 5.
9 00 News.
9 05 The Princely Pleasures at Kenilworth: rpt of Derek Wilson's feature on Leicester's entertainment for Queen Elizabeth I.
10 00 International Assignment, rpt.
10 30 Morning Story.
10 45 Service.
11 00 Carry On Up the Shrubbery: British Nudism in the 1930s.
11 48 Natural Selection.
12 00 You and Yours.
12 27 A Lexicon of Laughter, rpt: 1, A for . . .
12 55 Weather.
1 00 The World at One.
1 40 The Archers.
1 55 on l/w Shipping.
2 00 Woman's Hour from Birmingham.
3 00 Masters' India: "Bhowani Junction" (1), rpt.
4 00 Going Places.
4 40 Story Time: "Just So" Stories (5).
5 00 PM (5.50 on l/w Shipping).
5 55 Weather.
6 00 News; Financial news.
6 30 A Pipe Dream No More—a new classical pipe organ in Wetheral Parish Church.
7 00 News.
7 05 The Archers.
7 20 Pick of the Week.
8 20 Prefaces to Shakespeare — "Love's Labour's Lost": Kenneth Branagh.
8 45 Any Questions?
9 30 Letter from America.
9 45 Kaleidoscope—25 Years of Madness.
10 15 Book at Bedtime: "Empire of the Sun" (5).
10 30 The World Tonight.
11 15 Financial World.
11 30 Week Ending.
12 00-12.15 News.
12 33 Shipping forecast.

VHF: 1.55 p.m.-2 Listening Corner.

THREE

6 55 Weather.
7 00-11 on m/w Test Cricket, India v England.
7 00 News.
7 05 Morning Concert (8-8.5 News).
9 00 News.
9 05 This Week's Composer: Beethoven.
10 00 Martine Tirimo (piano), rpt: Debussy, Liszt.
10 35 Northern Sinfonia: Mozart, Kodaly, Copland, Haydn.
11 35 The Songs of Frank Bridge: new series.
12 15 Music for the Stage (1-1.5 News).
1 45 Piano Trios by Rawsthorne and Mendelssohn.
2 30 Neilsen.
3 25 French Baroque Harpsichord Music, rpt.
4 00 Choral Evensong in the RAF Church, St Clement Danes.
4 55 News.
5 00 Twelve Identical Grey Velvet Suits, rpt: composer Erik Satie.
5 55 Poulenc and Satie.
6 30 Music for Guitar.
7 00 Ravel and Peter Maxwell Davies.
7 30 Steven de Groote (piano) (8.5-8.25 Poetry Now).
9 20 Civilised Doubts, rpt: talks on T. S. Eliot.
10 10 Ibert and Dutilleux.
11 00 Ayres for the Theatre.
11 45 Martinu.
11 57-12 News.

TWO

4 00 David Yarnall.
5 30 Bill Rennells.
7 30 Colin Berry.
10 00 Jimmy Young.
12 00 Steve Jones.
2 00 John Craven.
3 30 Music All the Way.
4 00 David Hamilton.
6 00 John Dunn.
7 30 Friday Night Is Music Night (8.20-8.40 Interval).
9 30 Organist Entertains.
9 55 Sports Desk.
10 00 Grumbleweeds, rpt.
10 30 Only by Women.
11 00 Stuart Hall.
1 00 Steve Madden.
3 00 Big Band Special, rpt.
3 30-4 String Sound, rpt.

VHF: 10 p.m.-12 As Radio 1.

ONE

6 00 Adrian John.
8 00 Mike Read.
10 00 Simon Bates.
12 00 Gary Davies.
2 30 Mark Page.
4 30 Select-a-Disc.
5 30 Newsbeat.
5 45 Roundtable.
7 00 Andy Peebles.
10 00-12 Friday Rock Show.

WORLD

6 a.m. Newsdesk. 7 World News. 7.9 Twenty-four Hours. 7.30 Juke Box Dury. 7.45 Merchant Navy. 8 World News. 8.9 Reflections. 8.15 The Classical Guitar. 8.30 Hair. 9 World News. 9.9 British Press Review. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Not So Much a Hobby. 10 News. 10.1 Cole Porter and his Music. 10.15 Merchant Navy. 10.30 Business Matters. 11 World News. 11.9 News about Britain. 11.15 In the Meantime.

12 noon Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Jazz for the Asking. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1 World News. 1.9 Twenty-four Hours. 1.30 John Peel. 2 Outlook. 2.45 Letterbox. 3 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 In the Psychiatrist's Chair. 4 World News. 4.9 Commentary. 4.15 Science in Action. 4.45 The World Today. 5 World News. 5.9 Sarah and Company.

8 p.m. World News. 8.15 Music Now. 9.45 Nineteen Eighty-four. 10 World News. 10.9 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11 World News. 11.9 Commentary. 11.15 From the Weeklies. 11.30 The Globe Reborn.

12 midnight World News. 12.9 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 About Britain. 12.45 Recording of the Week. 1 News. 1.1 Outlook. 1.30 Cole Porter and his Music. 1.45 Letterbox. 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 People and Politics. 3 World News. 3.9 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Just a Minute. 4 Newsdesk. 4.30 That's Trad. 5.45 The World Today.

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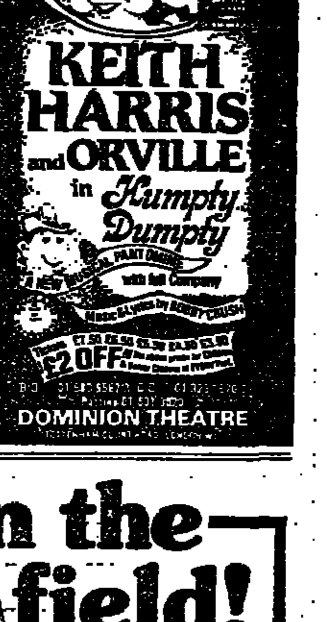

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BIRTHS

BRIDGEWATER.—On Jan. 1, 1985, at Frankston Community Hospital, Frankston, Victoria, Australia, to FRANCES (nee Allen) and NIGEL, a son (Robert Keith), brother for Stephen.

BROCKET.—On Dec. 23, to ANNE-MARIE and JEREMY, a son.

BROWN.—On Dec. 31, 1984, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to ANNE (nee Naunton Davies) and COSMO, a daughter.

BUCKNALL.—On Jan. 2, in Alnwick, to JULIA (nee Barrett) and CHARLES, a daughter (Antonia Lucinda).

EWING.—On Dec. 31, at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, to PAT (nee Courtney) and JOHN, a son (James Edward O'Donnell), a brother for Rebecca.

FORD. — On Dec. 31, 1984, at Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow, to JUDITH (nee Marsden) and JOHN, a son (Michael Christopher).

FREEMAN.—On Jan. 2, at Portsmouth, to ROSEMARIE and DAVID, a son (Nicholas Henry Benjamin), a brother for Claire, Paul and Abigail.

HARPER. — On Dec. 28, at Cambridge, to ANGELA (nee Fison) and JOHN, a son (William Robert), a brother for Thomas.

HUNT.—On Dec. 31, to NICKY (nee Bogosyan) and CHRIS, a son (Hugo William John), brother for Rory and Toby.

JONZEN.—On Jan. 2, at Gleneagles Hospital, Singapore, to WENDY (nee Noon) and RORY, a daughter (Emily Claire), a sister for Jessica.

JOYNSON.—On Jan. 2, 1985, at Colchester, to HOLLY (nee Lancaster) and CHRISTOPHER, a son (Alexander Archie Lancaster).

KINGSLEY-SMITH.—On Jan. 3, to CHRISTIE (nee Milligan-Fryer) and JOHN, a daughter (Amy Florence) a sister for Rosanne, Paul and Julia.

LAMAN.—On Friday, Dec. 28, 1984, at the West London Hospital, to DOMINIQUE (nee Penrose) and IAN, a daughter (Natasha).

O'DOHERTY.—On Jan. 1, at Haberdashers' Hospital, Aston, to PHILIPPA (nee Whitmore) and RORY, a daughter (Victoria Rosemary), a sister for Thomas.

READ.—On Dec. 23, to SUSAN (née Barker) and ROBIN, a daughter (Violet Emma Isabella).

SEYMOUR.—On Jan. 2, in West Germany, to JANE (nee Myatt) and NICHOLAS, a son (James).

SHIACH.—See TESSELAAR.

TESSELAAR.—On Jan. 2, 1985, at Timboon District Hospital, Victoria, Australia, to MARGARET ALISON ISOBEL (nee Shiach) and KEVIN JOSEPH, a daughter (Claire Louise Margaret).

THYNE.—On Jan. 1, to ELIZABETH, in Dublin (née Spencer Smith) and WILLIAM, a son (Oliver Peter). Both well.

VIZOR.—On Dec. 28, to PIPPA (née Birtles) and JON, a daughter (Georgina Claire), a sister for Dominic.

WINTERBOTHAM.—On Dec. 31, 1984, to DIANA (née Nicholls (nee Beecham) and NICHOLAS WINTERBOTHAM a daughter (Amy Catherine).

MARRIAGES

MIDDLETON—RIFF. — On Dec. 22, 1984, at Wilmer, KENNETH WILLIAM BRUCE MIDDLETON, of Ledwell, Oxfordshire, to SIGNYA VERE RIFF, of London.

ROWNTREE—RILEY. — On Jan. 3, 1985, in Sydney, Australia, MR DAVID ROWNTREE, son of the late Mr and Mrs Evan Rowntree, to MRS DIANA RILEY (nee Butters), younger daughter of Mrs E. R. Butters and the late Mr Stuart Butters.

RUBY WEDDINGS

GAMBLE—HART. — On Jan. 4, 1945, in Swindon, PETER to VICTORIA (Vicky). Now at Eastbourne 763308.

KEATING—LYONS. — On Jan. 4, 1945, in Alnwick, RICHARD JOSEPH to MARY CHRISTINE. Congratulations from all the family.

DEATHS

ADAMSON. — On Jan. 2, 1985, after a short illness, MATT, aged 70 years, of Newfield, Manchester, and after many years with G.E.C./A.E.I. Inquiries c/o William Hewerdine Ltd., tel: 061-865 1320.

AESCHLIMANN.—On Jan. 1, 1985, suddenly, KATHLEEN L., of 136, Green Dragon Lane, London, N.21, in her 70th year. Cremation at Enfield Crematorium on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Tyrosemia Trust, the British Pelle Fellowship, 58, Brodie Road, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 0ET.

ALLEN.—On Jan. 1, EDITH ANNE, of Hillwall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon, near Somerton, Somerset, aged 84. Funeral service at St Andrew's Church, Compton Dundon, on Monday, Jan. 7, at 10.45 a.m., followed by cremation at Yeovil at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations for Cancer Research in G. Holland & Son, 62, Vestry Road, Street, Somerset.

ALLSOPP.—On Monday, Dec. 10, 1984, in Auckland, New Zealand, DOROTHY (Midge) nee Owens, in her 91st year, widow of Wing Commander HENRY (POP) ALLSOPP and mother of Rosemary and Geoffrey.

ALLUM.—On Dec. 30, 1984, at her son's residence in Dubai, after a long illness borne with great courage, MAVIS, aged 72 years, the dearly loved wife of the late NORMAN PRICE ALLUM and very dear mother of Derek, Malcolm, Geoffrey (dec'd), and Rosalind, also a dear mother-in-law and grandma. Mrs Allum will be cremated into St Catherine's Church, Didsbury, at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 7, at 7.30 p.m., for Requiem Mass on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 9 a.m., followed by committal at Manchester Crematorium at 10 a.m. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to National Society for Cancer Relief. Inquiries—Cosgrove Funeral Services Northwest, 061-881 5212.

ANGUS.—On Jan. 1, at home, The Close, Stonts Hill, peacefully after a long illness, ROBERT WILLIAM ANGUS, aged 78 years, formerly headmaster, Stonts Hill School, much loved husband of Joan, and father of Carol, Patricia, Sheila and Jane, grandfather of Michael, Andrew, Sarah, Kim, Peter and Emma. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu may be sent for Grey Parish Church Fabric Fund, c/o Philip Ford & Son F.I.D. Ltd., Silver Street, Dursley, Glos.

BACK.—On Dec. 30, 1984, peacefully at home, LUCY BACK, of Tetsdale, Middle Road, Sway, in her 88th year. Funeral 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 5, at St Luke's Church, Sway. No flowers, but donations if desired to Hampshire Association for the Care of the Blind, 48, Leigh Road, Eastleigh.

BAKER.—On Jan. 3, 1985, at Hillside Nursing Home, Sudbury, GLADYS MAY, dearly beloved wife of the late Stephen Baker. Funeral service at Colchester Crematorium at 10.30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 10. Flowers may be sent to W. A. Deacon, funeral services, High Street, Lavenham.

BARK.—On Dec. 23, 1984, in his home at Orchards, Johannesburg, FREDERIC LAYTON, beloved husband of Kate, father of Elizabeth Pollatsek, Robin and Jeremy, and grandfather.

BARTLETT.—On Jan. 2, peacefully in home, Sir Basil Hardington, dearly loved brother, father and grandfather.

BARTON. — On Dec. 29, 1984, peacefully at his home in Whitstable, JAMES Brownlee, aged 85 years, dear father of Michael, Jane and the late Kenneth, a much loved grandfather. Funeral service at Charing Crematorium, Kent, on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only, please.

BERESFORD-PEIRSE.—On Jan. 2, at New Hall Hospital, near Salisbury, CAMILA, wife of the late Lt-Gen. Sir NOEL BERESFORD-PEIRSE, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O. Funeral private.

BERRY.—On Jan. 3, peacefully in his sleep, at home Bassnam, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Service at St Michael and All Angels, Pirbright, at 2.30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 8, followed by cremation at Woking. No flowers or letters, please.

BLANDFORD.—On Dec. 31, in Sheffield, after a short illness, JEAN MARGARET, wife of the late THOMAS BLANDFORD, and mother of John, Stephen and Jane. Service at St Andrew's Church, Sharrow, Sheffield, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 11.45 a.m., followed by cremation at Rutcliffe Wood Crematorium, 13.30 p.m.

BRISTOW. — On Jan. 2, at 74, Reedham Drive, Purley, DON, aged 81, much loved father of Marion Mitchell. With Christ. Funeral service at the Meeting Room, The Vale, Coulsdon, 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11.

BURKINSHAW.—On Jan. 2, 1985, at Leicester Royal Infirmary, peacefully after a short illness, WILLIAM BRIAN, aged 85 years, of Timperley, Cheshire, beloved and devoted husband of Anne and dearly loved father of Margaret and George and much loved grandfather of Duncan and Alison. Cremation at Gilroes Crematorium, Leicester, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 12.30 p.m. Thanksgiving service and interment of ashes at Christ Church, Timperley, on Saturday, Jan. 12, at 11 a.m. No flowers please, but if desired, donations to Christ Church Roof Fund, c/o Canon D. Probets, the Vicarage, Thorley Lane, Timperley.

BURNE.—On Dec. 29, 1984, at home, MOLLY (Mary), beloved wife of the late Venerable RICHARD BURNE (sometime Archdeacon of Chester). Funeral service at Hommington Parish Church at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1985, followed by cremation at Salisbury Crematorium. Flowers and inquiries to H. A. Harrold & Son Ltd., 37, Fisherport Road, Salisbury, Wilts, tel. 21177.

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4 Duet a lad composed was highly praised (8)
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11 No particular army officer (7)
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13 Eccentric, though an engineer would say it is just the opposite (5)
14 Cautious king gets in the way (4)
17 Government management (14)
19 True demand I set somehow too low (14)
22 Tense which is taught orally (4)
23 Fun and games in Parliament (5)
24 Soft butter bought for baby (4)
27 Revolutionary steam engine that is burnt in riot (7)
28 Not all the dowry (7)
29 Unthinking advice to those who are over-resentful (8)
30 Vermin infested carriage? (5)

DOWN

1 Local trader providing people at large with singular article (8)
2 Do according to one's accustomed habit (7)
3 Genuine pieces-of-eight in mint condition (4)
4 Angered Pete yet turned out to be a despicable character (10, 4)
6 Advanced fast (4)
7 The storm that is too darn rough (7)
8 Flirt with an even chance of success in 24 hours (5)
9 Valleys where unemployment is high (9, 5)
15 A great range for new model sedan (5)
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20 Result of uranium/tritium radical reduction in a rare gas? (7)
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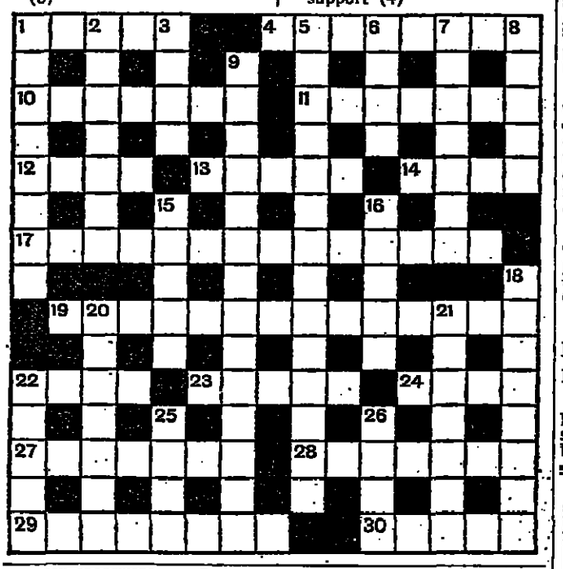

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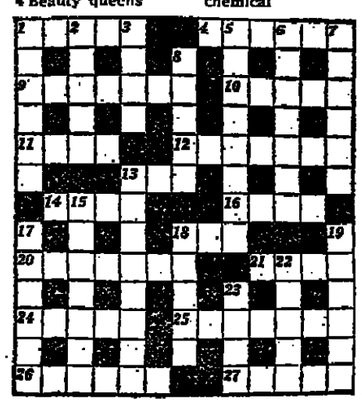

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For a change on Sunday try your skill with THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH *prize crossword.*

U.S. OFF TO GENEVA WITH A GRIEVANCE

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

THE United States yesterday accused Moscow of "calling into question the spirit, if not the letter" of the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty by building new radar systems including a huge new facility in central Siberia.

Launching a White House public relations offensive five days before the Geneva talks between Mr Shultz, Secretary of State, and his Soviet counterpart, Mr Gromyko, Washington made clear that the New Russian systems would be raised as a matter of "reasonable concern" that the Kremlin is not observing past treaties.

The American message seems to be: If Moscow cannot live up to previous arms control accords, how can it be trusted to preserve any new agreements that might emerge from a fresh round of negotiations?

A senior official, in a special briefing for journalists, confirmed that Mr Shultz would tell Mr Gromyko about Washington's worries that the big radar installation being built near Krasnoyarsk is a violation of the 1972 treaty.

Recent improvements in the defensive radar system that protects Moscow may also be a breach of the accord, he added.

The Russians, he complained, were spending about as much on new defensive systems as they were on offensive missiles.

The 1972 treaty limits each side to 100 anti-missile rockets at any single site and is considered a keystone of the policy of a "balance of terror." The theory is that neither side will launch a nuclear attack while it is vulnerable to a retaliatory strike.

The Krasnoyarsk installation has been mentioned on a number of occasions by Mr Weinberger, the American Defence Secretary, as a possible treaty violation.

The Russians hotly dispute this, saying that the site, due to be operational by 1988 or 1989, is to be devoted to tracking missiles.

But American defence experts contend that it is in the wrong place for such tasks and that it would be used for detecting incoming missiles. The 1972 treaty stipulates that such radar installations may only be built "along the periphery" of each country.

The senior official would not go as far as to say that Mr Shultz would "confront" Mr Gromyko with the alleged treaty violations. But he said it was important for American concerns to be put on record.

He reconfirmed that President Reagan's proposed space-based missile defence system, known as the Strategic Defence Initiative, would not be a bargaining chip in the talks.

In spite of Russian objections, research would continue on the system although it could be discussed together with other defensive system matters. In any case, said the official, actual deployment of such a system lay well in the future and would be for some future Administration to handle.

He reassured the European allies that Washington still valued the policy of mutual nuclear deterrence that had worked for 40 years.

The priority was now to reduce the number of nuclear weapons in the world. As a related matter, there could be integration of defensive non-nuclear systems, in other words, the SDI system, over time.

It appears that Mr Shultz will resist any Soviet proposal for formal negotiations on limiting space-based defence systems. But he will be "flexible" in listening to Mr Gromyko's concerns and depending on what agreement can be reached on offensive weapons talks, will say that the American side is willing to discuss defensive systems at some future date.

The key word in Washington seems to be "flexibility"

RUSSIA READY

Space weapons concern

NIGEL WADE in Moscow reports: Russia's negotiating position for the Geneva talks was approved at a meeting of the Politburo in Moscow yesterday, Tass news agency said.

Tass gave no more detail, but Soviet Press commentaries have made plain that a major Russian aim will be to prevent an arms race in space.

Soviet commentators stress that the two-day initial meeting between Mr. Gromyko and Mr Shultz will be exploratory. Russians have been told that Washington is already preparing American public opinion for the talks to fail.

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Missile 'accident'

likely that Norway's ground radars would have been able to detect it.

Radar contact was lost near Lake Inari in Finland and Lapps reported hearing an explosion.

Finnish border guards using a helicopter scoured the 400 square mile ice-covered Lake Inari for wreckage, but found nothing. The search was limited to the few hours of daylight.

A brief statement, seen by diplomats of Nato countries as indicating deep embarrassment in neutral Finland, said an unknown object flying at great speed had violated Finnish airspace, but did not say that a missile was involved or mention the possible origin of the object.

Finland is normally cautious about commenting on matters relating to its Soviet neighbour, but most Finnish newspapers have blamed the Soviet Union for the incident.

Nato voiced concern over what it called Soviet violation of Norwegian airspace but officials described the Nato reaction as low-key and said no one wanted to chill the climate for next Monday's key arms control talks in Geneva.

"There's no sense that this could have been a deliberate provocation. It just seems to have been an appalling accident," one official said.

FINNISH SEARCH

Noise like thunder

OUR OSLO CORRESPONDENT reports: Finnish searchers using snowmobiles and aircraft have been searching for wreckage of the missile in an area around Lake Inari bordering on Russia's Kola Peninsula, home of the largest Soviet naval base.

Taneli Gauriloff, a reindeer herder said: "Twice I heard a noise similar to that from planes flying faster than sound. First it was like a powerful thunder... later came the sound of an explosion.

"Now we have lots of people here looking for the missile."

Herman Sotkajaervi, a bear hunter who lives in northern Norway near the Soviet border, said: "The ground trembled, my house shook and the noise was deafening as a reddish-yellow light streaked through the air at an incredible speed."

U.S. GIVES MORE

President Reagan yesterday announced an additional $411 million (£357 million) worth of emergency aid for African famine victims, bringing the total such U.S. assistance to the Continent to $1 billion (£870 million) this year.

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Midland Bank CROCKER'S PROBLEM LOANS

By CLIFFORD GERMAN

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a bank made by Standard Chartered for the Royal Bank of Scotland four years ago.

At that time Hongkong and Shanghai Bank jumped in with a counter bid. The Bank of England dropped heavy hints that a foreign bid would be unwelcome and the matter was referred to the Monopolies Commission which recommended that the Royal Bank should stay Scottish.

Midland is a different proposition.

Once the biggest bank in the world it has avoided merger's and grown more slowly than the others, and abstained from overseas ventures until its ill-fated decision to buy Crocker in 1980.

It was the clearing bank selected by the Labour party for potential nationalisation and is probably seen as the odd man out among the big four clearing banks.

A bid for one of the clearing banks would be a logical extension to the recent trend of links between banks, merchant banks and stockbrokers. A link with an insurance company might be welcomed, so long as the buyer was British.

Alternatively one of the major companies in sectors where growth prospects are slowing down could find it attractive to have a stake in the fast-growing financial services sector.

BP as suitor

B A T, which last year bought Eagle Star and Hambro Life, probably now has its hands full. But G E C and British Petroleum could buy Midland Bank outright for cash.

At last night's market price, the whole bank is valued at £775 million. ritish Petroleum is thought to be planning a diversification programme for the late Eighties, while G E C with its legendary "cash mountain" has previously been mentioned as a likely bidder for the istillers Group.

The alternative to a takeover bid is vigorous action to rebuild the balance sheet by raising more money or selling assets.

A rights issue to existing shareholders raised £155m in 1985, but a further issue is unlikely to attract much support. Midland shares are lower than they were five years ago, although the stock market as a whole has risen more than 130 per cent. since then.

The Midland management has indicated ther will try to sell subsidiaries where they do not have effective control of the businesses.

But they are unlikely to want to dispose of Samuel Montagu, where they own 60 per cent. of the business, or Thomas Cook, the travel agents, or Forward Trust, the finance house, which are fully owned by the bank.

Its other assets include 24 per cent. in the Bankers' Automated Clearing Services; 18 per cent. of Investors in Industry, the venture capital group; 30 per cent. of the Joint Credit Card Company (Access) 22 per cent. of the International Commodities Clearing House; and 25 per cent. of U B A F, a consortium bank specialising in Foreign currency lending.

By IAN BRODIE in Los Angeles

DESPITE huge new losses announced by Crocker Bank, the California subsidiary of Midland Bank, officials expressed confidence yesterday that their troubles are over and profits will be declared in every quarter of 1985.

Crocker's chairman and chief executive, Mr Frank Cahouet, said in San Francisco: "We looked at our loan portfolio very realistically and we believe our problems are behind us."

Independent banking analysts agreed that while Crocker's had news from sour loans is stunning, the bank is likely to emerge strongly from the crisis because of its high level of reserves and the continued backing from Midland Bank.

The problems are not regarded as comparably severe to those leading to the collapse last summer of Continental Illinois Bank in Chicago which had 1984 losses of a billion dollars and needed to be rescued by the Federal Government.

Still, Crocker's 1984 loss of $524 million (£384 million) makes it the third biggest in U.S. history behind Continental Illinois and Seafirst Bank of Seattle which lost $456 million in 1983.

The red ink is attributed to loans in energy, agriculture, property and the Third World. It also reflects a crack-down by the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency, the Government agency which regulates banks. Its inspectors are prodding banks to increase their loan-loss reserves.

Crocker has added $526 million to its loan-loss reserve, a major contribution to the bank's deficit.

The loss was covered by Midland injecting $375 million of new money in Crocker, the 14th largest bank in America.

Mr Cahouet was questioned closely about Crocker's Argentine debts which now stand at $500 million.

He said they are carried in the column for non-performing foreign loans, but added: "Obviously we're very encouraged to see the Argentine credit in the process of being renegotiated. Over time, that will become a performing loan."

Crocker's troubles stem from a combination of bad management, bad luck and bad timing with the recession.

The bank was founded in 1883 by millionaire Charles Crocker.

Unsold flats

It prospered as a regional bank for 90 years until in 1974 Mr Thomas Wilcox arrived from Citibank to give Crocker a world-class image.

He was also one of the architects of the Midland acquisition which began in 1980 and cost the British bank $820 million between 1981 and 1983. Now Midland owns 57 per cent. and still intends to take over 100 per cent. of Crocker shares.

With the infusion of Midland's money and the expansionist ideals of Mr Wilcox, Crocker embarked on many of the loans which are now plaguing its balance sheet. Among them are:

$50 million for a 22-storey block of luxury flats on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles, many of which remained unsold two years after the building was completed.

$60 million for 166 luxury flats and houses in Newport Beach, South of Los Angeles, which hung fire for months.

$50 million to a New Mexico oil company that went bankrupt and $18 million to the operator of gas wells in Colorado who defaulted a year ago.

$20 million to a firm which wanted to develop the Tex Critter Pizza Jamboree restaurant chain with children's menus and video games. It has filed for protection under bankruptcy laws.

Several million dollars to California Vineyards which were then hit by a glut of grapes and cheap foreign wine.

Already Crocker owns between 30 and 40 major parcels of property because of foreclosure.

From the beginning Crocker has been a headache for Midland which removed Mr Wilcox and brought from its own management team led by the highly-regarded Mr Cahouet from Security Pacific Bank in Los Angeles. Since the Midland involvement, Crocker's cumulative net loss has been $200 million.

MALAWI RESHUFFLE

President Banda of Malawi dissolved his 13-member Cabinet yesterday pending an annual reshuffle.—Reuter.

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DEATHS (Continued)

RYLES.—On New Year's Day, suddenly, LESLIE ALFRED RYLES, O.B.E., beloved father and grandfather, devoted husband of the late Margaret Spencer. Funeral service at St Nicholas Church, Elstree, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 2 p.m. Flowers and inquiries to Hemles Funeral Service Ltd, Park Road, Bushey, tel. 01-850 7233.

CAMPBELL-ALLESTER. — On Jan. 2, peacefully in hospital, VANDA MARJORIE, of 4, Beaufort Villas, Bath, aged 72 years, loving wife of Alexander. Funeral service at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 4 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired to St Martin's Hospital, Bath, c/o R. Davies & Son, funeral directors, 2, Beaufort West, London Road, Bath.

CASEY.—On Dec. 30, in hospital, HELEN MAY, aged 84 years, of Machin Avenue, Hassocks, widow of ROBERT CASEY. Funeral service will take place at Keymer Church, Keymer, Sussex, on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 4 p.m. Flowers and inquiries to William Collins & Son, 1a, Anne Road, Burgess Hill, Sussex, tel. Burgess Hill 5216.

CAVE-CHINN.—On Dec. 22, 1984, in Kimberley, Cape Province, South Africa, BESSIE SHERRINGTON CAVE-BENN, of Littlehampton, Sussex, and late of South Africa, husband of Ruth. Funeral service at Chichester Crematorium, Westhampnett Road, Chichester, on Monday, Jan. 7, 1985, at 1 p.m. All inquiries and flowers, please, to F. A. Holland & Co., Terminus Road, Littlehampton, tel. 713939.

COCKER.—On Dec. 29, 1984, suddenly, GEOFFREY, of the Lake District and formerly of Sale, Cheshire, dearest husband of Dilys, beloved father of Jeremy, Guy, Judith and Susan and a much loved grandfather. Service and cremation at Manchester Crematorium, Carrington, today (Friday), Jan. 4, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers please. Donations may be made payable to William Haines Grammar School, Maryport, and sent c/o the Wood, funeral directors, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, Cumbria.

CONNOLLY.—On Dec. 31, suddenly at home in Wimbledon, EILEEN (née Hanlon), beloved wife of Gerard and mother of Patrick. Funeral service at Mitcham Crematorium, Ash, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 12 noon. Flowers to Masonhill Crematorium, Ash, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 12 noon. Flowers to Masonhill Crematorium.

CURRIE.—On Jan. 2, 1985, after a long illness courageously fought, BERYL MARY, wife of the late Mr R. H. CURRIE of Esher. Funeral service Wednesday, Jan. 9, at Putney Vale Crematorium, at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 124, Sloane Street, S.W.1.

DAVIES. — On Jan. 1, 1985, MADELEINE DORIS, aged 90 years, of Mere, Wilts.

DEBNEY.—On Dec. 31, 1984, peacefully in a nursing home, PHYLLIS LILIAS DEBNEY, of Bournemouth (formerly of Folkestone and Ruislip). Funeral service at Hawkhill Crematorium, Bexhill, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 11.30 a.m.

de SEGUNDO.—On Jan. 1, peacefully in London, BERIAMA, beloved husband of Aruna and father of Adrian, Vincent, Samantha, Charles and Robert. Private cremation. Memorial service on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 3.30 p.m. at St Peter's Church, Wimbledon. No flowers, please, but donations if desired to Wimbledon Church Fabric Fund.

DEWAR.—On Jan. 2, 1985, suddenly in hospital, HEATHER DEWAR, in her 60th year.

DICKINSON.—On Jan. 1, 1985, at his home in Asphill, High Wycombe, BRIGGS JOHN WILLIAM, aged 81 years, beloved husband of Grace, loving father of Peter, a much loved grandpa of Emma and Jenny. Funeral service 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at Hughenden Parish Church, High Wycombe. Bucks. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to National Children's Home, 85, Highbury Park, London N.5.

DIXON.—On Jan. 2, 1985, passed peacefully away at 47, Douglas Hoad, Street, Cornwall, Australia, EVA, formerly of Potters Bar.

DOWNES.—On Jan. 1, 1985, peacefully in her sleep, VIOLET TERRELL, widow of Capt R. M. Downes. Funeral service Stoke-on-Trent Crematorium, Thursday, January 10, at 3.30 p.m.

DOWNEY.—On Jan. 2, 1985, at Edge Hill Residential Home, Bootle, W. M. DOWNEY, Sergeant R.A.F., also late of Department of Environment, retired on Wednesday, 1.9.1965 (aged from Mrs Ann Gough, 4, Norcott Way, Boyton, near Ormskirk, Lancs.

DRIVER. — On Jan. 2, 1985, GWENDOLINE, aged 87, beloved widow of JOHN DRIVER and also of ANNIE RACHEL DRIVER, stepmother of Wendy. Funeral service at St John's Crematorium, Horsham, on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Methodist Homes for the Aged, 1, Central Buildings, Westminster, London, SW1 9NS.

FARRANDS.—On Dec. 27, after an illness bravely fought, RICHARD HENRY FARRANDS, D.S.C., Master Mariner and Trinity House Pilot. Cremation Tuesday, Jan. 8, 10.30 a.m., at Colchester Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to Cancer Research, c/o Barclays Bank, Kingsway, Dovercourt.

FELLOWS.—On Jan. 1, in Torbay Hospital, DOUGLAS, aged 68 years, of Ringmore, Shaldon, Devon. Much loved husband of Joan, father of Jonathan. Funeral service on Monday, Jan. 7, at 2.30 p.m. St Nicholas Church, Ringmore, followed by interment at St Cuthbert's. Flowers to J. Brooks Bulley & Sons, Teignmouth.

FERRARIS.—On Jan. 2, 1985, peacefully in a nursing home, CONSTANCE, aged 94 years, formerly of Christchurch, New Zealand. Diplomat Education College for Journalists Wells, the dearly loved Grandmother of Mead of Sherwood, Sandhurst, Roundbridge Wells. Details of a memorial service will be announced later. Donations to his memory may be made in either the N.S.P.C.C. or Compassion for Animals, who may be sent c/o J. Kempster & Sons, 2 & 4, Albion Road, Tunbridge Wells.

FOSTER. — On Dec. 30, at her home in Beaulieu after a long illness, CHRISTMAS, LEONORA died aged 76, within two months of the death of her dear husband CHARLES. Funeral service at Sandbank Methodist Church, Winchelsea, at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 8, where Leonora and Charles were life long members, followed by cremation at City of London Crematorium, Manor Park. No flowers please, but donations in thanksgiving for friendship to Methodist Missionary Society, c/o Dot's Jackson, 24, Malvern Avenue, Highlands Park, L4.

FREEMAN.—On Jan. 3, 1985, peacefully after a long illness, WILLIAM JOHN, of 172, Churchill Road, Aston Cham. Private cremation. North East Surrey Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired to the Madonna Lourdes Foundation, 28, Belgrave Square, SW1X 8QG.

FLOYDE.—On Jan. 1, 1985, peacefully at her home, ELLEN MARGARET (Peggy), much loved mother of Pauline and grandmother of Fern. Inquiries to A. Spicers & Son, 65, South Road, Southall. Tel 01-574 3186.

GIBBS.—On Dec. 21, in a traffic accident while on holiday in Kenya, MARY, dearly loved wife of Bill, loving mother of Sue and John. Funeral 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1985, at St Mary's Catholic Church, Wooton Bassett, followed by private cremation. Flowers to Neville's Funeral Service, Neville House, Marsh Road, Luton.

GIBSON.—On Dec. 25, 1984, suddenly in Bangkok, GEORGINA ROSE (W.A.A.F. Officer 1939-1944), daughter of the late Mr and Mrs H. W. Gibson of Amoma, India and Reading. Cremation private.

GLANDDYMENING.—On Jan. 2, after prolonged illness bravely fought, GWYN, aged 71, dearly loved wife of Ronald GLANDDYMENING, formerly Resident Editor of THE DAILY TELEGRAPH. Funeral at Eltham Crematorium (Gaskonkoot) on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 10.45 a.m. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research.

GOULD.—On Jan. 3, 1985, peacefully in hospital, MARGAT GOULD, very dearly loved husband of Ann, father of David and Padus, and Park to his grandchildren Andrew and Victoria. No flowers, please. Contributions if desired to Friends of the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester. Cremation, 11.15, Monday, Jan. 7, at Southampton Crematorium.

GRAHAM.—On Jan. 1, 1985, suddenly at his home in Portadown, EDWARD HARRISON GRAHAM, M.A., retired History Teacher. No flowers or letters, please. Deeply regretted by his family.

GREEN.—On Jan. 1, 1985, at West Middlesex Hospital, DUDLEY of Sunbury-on-Thames, husband of the late Doris Squellers. Funeral on Friday, Jan. 11, at 11.50 a.m., at Hanworth Crematorium, Hounslow Road, Hanworth, Middlesex. Flowers to Lodge Bros., 4, Clarendon Road, Ashford, Middlesex.

GRESHAM.—On New Year's Eve, at Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, MOSES MARY GRESHAM, only daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs Stanley Gresham. Requiem Mass at St Barnabas Church, Tunbridge Wells, at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 10, 1985.

GROVES.—On Dec. 31, 1984, in Orpington Hospital, RODERICK VICTOR (Mike), dearly beloved husband of Sheila and brother of Connie. Funeral at Beckenham Crematorium on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1985, at 12 noon. Flowers and inquiries, please, to funeral directors, Francis Chappell & Sons, Roundacre Place, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington,